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Keeping Christmas

BY HENRY VAN DYKE.

ROMANS XIV. 6—"He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord."

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a litle more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things, even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death, and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you keep it a day, why not always?

Fifteenth Biennial Convention of the Luther League of America

Held at York, Pa., September 19-20-21, 1922

BY MRS. CLARENCE C. DITTMER

(Continued from November Review)

SECTION V.

Business.

The Fifteenth Biennial Convention was an epoch-making one, not only in the strength of its addresses but also in the far-reaching importance of the business transacted. As is customary, the first item of business was the reading of the reports of officers and standing committees. These included reports of the President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, the Intermediate Committee, and the Junior Committee. All were encouraging, showing greater progress in the last two years than was perhaps made in any previous biennium. Space forbids the publishing of all these interesting reports, but that of the General Secretary, embodying as it does the essential features of the other reports, is hereby quoted in full, viz:

To the Luther League of America:

Since our last convention the most momentous event in the life of the Luther League of America, since the day of its birth, has occurred, viz., its adoption by the United Lutheran Church in America, as its official Young People's organization. It was adopted with two provisions, first, that certain constitutional changes be made, and second, that the units be conformed to synodical rather than state bounds. These provisions were made in order to harmonize the organization of the Luther League of America with that of the United Lutheran Church.

The revised constitution was submitted at a previous session and I recommend that its consideration be the first order of business at this session after the report, that this convention may operate under its provisions.

The second provision has been accomplished automatically in several instances by the realigning of overlapping Synods. The District Leagues of Baltimore and the District of Columbia League will merge in the near future into the Luther League of the Maryland Synod.

Owing to the vast territory covered by the Synod of the Northwest, it has been deemed inadvisable by the President of that Synod to disturb the existing Luther League organizations.

Owing to distance, the Oregon-Washington League has disbanded, and its constituents have formed two District organizations, viz., Columbia and Pacific Northwest, and apply for membership in the Luther League of America.

Our greatest difficulty is in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, where there seems to be no disposition on the part of Synods to realign themselves in the immediate future.

The Synodical authorities in New York are of the opinion that for the present no change should be made in the existing Luther League organization.

In Pennsylvania, no Synod has expressed itself with the exception of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, which has asked the Luther League of Pennsylvania to realign itself observing synodical bounds. As the Ministerium of Pennsylvania itself disregards bounds altogether, its action places Luther League matters in an embarrassing position. Fifty per cent. of the local organizations in Pennsylvania, 50 per cent. of those in New Jersey and one lone organization in the District of Columbia will be obliged to withdraw from their League affiliations and form the Luther League of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. This will mean two federations in these states where formerly there was one. However, we have a plan and are groping our way toward the goal hopefully.

Since our adoption by the United Church, your Secretary has been proceeding too slowly to please certain individuals, but, knowing the Church as he does, or thinks that he does, he has preferred to "make haste slowly," lest we make mistakes similar to other organizations that have moved too quickly. He has proceeded along three main avenues: first, to transform state units into synodical units where practical; secondly, to secure synodical endorsement of the Luther League of America; thirdly, the visitation of unattached Young People's Federations, with the following results: the Missionary Federation of North Carolina and the Luther League of North Carolina have merged into the Luther League of the Synod of North Carolina.

The Missionary Federation of South Carolina has changed its name to the Luther League of the Synod of South Carolina, and will take definite action on uniting with the Luther League of America at its coming convention. Its President is in attendance at this convention as a visitor and I recommend that he be given the privilege of the floor.

The Missionary Federation of the Southwest Virginia and Holston Synods has changed its name to Luther League, been adopted by the merged Synod of Virginia as its official Young People's organization, and been received by the Executive Committee into the Luther League of America.

The Luther League of Canada is in correspondence with the Committee on Associations of Young People of the United Church relative to certain prerogatives.

The South Dakota League has disbanded, having been composed almost entirely of local organizations belonging to the Iowa Synod and the United Norwegian Church, who withdrew from the Luther League of America when it became affiliated with the United Lutheran Church.

REVISED CONSTITUTION.

Revisions to the Constitution submitted are minor save in three instances, viz:

First, the confessional statement is eliminated, because when we affiliated with the United Lutheran Church we automatically accepted its confessional basis.

Second, the provision for Active and Associate membership: Associate, for the sake of Lutheran societies not affiliated with the United Lutheran Church, who might care to become a part of us. This is in harmony with the constitution of the United Lutheran Church.

Third, the enlarging of the objective. This is very important and is made possible by our becoming a Synodical organization.

Should this be adopted, we should make provision for three full-time secretaries to be placed at the head of the three departments contemplated. We have passed the transition stage, we are launched on our career, and we must make good, which means that we must cease to play in the Young People's Department of our church and buckle down to intensive, extensive and aggressive work.

I recommend that the filling of the offices of Educational, Missionary and Life Service Secretaries be referred to the Executive Committee with power, for obvious reasons be referred to the Executive Committee.

LITERATURE.

Herein is contained the report of the Literature Committee, as your Secretary, by virtue of his office, is Chairman of said Committee.

We have been experimenting with the Topics Booklet, arranging each quarter's treatment differently, with the object in view of finding a scheme which best suited our constituency. The current issue has met with general favor and the future issues will be so arranged.

The REVIEW has been departmentalized and with the adoption of the new Objective, the three departments therein provided for will be added.

With the establishment of the Department of

Education, the Reading Courses will be enlarged, and a series of Bible Studies outlined.

Several pamphlets have been published during the biennium, which can be seen on the literature table.

For some time we have had the manuscript for a new Hand-Book waiting for funds to publish it. I recommend that the same be brought up to date and published at once.

The stock of the Luther League Hymnal is exhausted, there are frequent demands for it, and to publish a new edition would cost a great deal of money. The Common Service Book Committee of the United Church has compiled a book for the use of organizations, containing a fine selection of singable hymns which will be placed on sale early in 1923. It will be issued with music and sell for about fifty cents. I recommend that this book be recommended to our Leagues in place of the old Luther League Hymnal, and that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

With the rise in price of labor and material, our Topics booklet and REVIEW at their present subscription numbers are being produced at a loss. I recommend that the Executive Committee be empowered to make a slight addition to the sale price of the Topics and that a special Committee be appointed to greatly increase the subscriptions to the REVIEW.

FINANCES.

Upon analysis of the Treasurer's report, which will be submitted later, it will be noted that the expense accounts both of the General Secretary and of the office have gone beyond the appropriations. The first has been due to the fact that the transition of the Luther League of America from a non-synodical to a synodical body has caused extra journeys and committee meetings.

The second is due to the fact that since the office has taken over the accounts of the Treasurer, the REVIEW and the Topics, a great deal of extra postage and equipment is necessary. The moving into larger quarters required additional furniture.

I am of the opinion that the envelopes for the collection of dues which we have heretofore supplied, are not used to any extent, and therefore recommend their discontinuance.

The deficit has been paid, with the exception of $481.00, and will be reported in detail by the Treasurer.

It is obvious, that if in the coming biennium the Luther League of America is to measure up to its opportunities and responsibilities, it must have a greatly increased income. There are two ways of securing this income. First, the raising of the per capita apportionment. Second, by asking the United Lutheran Church to support in part or in toto its Young People's work. The Luther League of America is the only Young People's organization which entirely supports itself. The Baptist, Episcopal and Reformed communions support their young people's work entirely, the Methodist and Presbyterian communions support the greater part of their young people's work. This convention should take some action in the matter.

STATISTICS.

The Statistics for the biennium are herewith submitted:

		Membership
Senior organizations	674	23,755
Intermediate organizations	46	1,049
Junior organizations	148	4,673
Total	868	29,377
These have contributed:		
For local purposes		$29,804.98
For benevolence		15,964.46
A total of		$45,769.44

While we have gained about 3,000 new members, we show a total membership about the same as reported at our last convention. This is due to two reasons, first, that when we became affiliated with the United Lutheran Church those not a part of that body withdrew. Secondly, the insistence of your Secretary that only such membership be reported as actually pay dues, for these are really the only members in good standing. For this latter cause our units have reported greatly decreased memberships. We are represented in the United States, Canada, Porto Rico, Virgin Islands, India and Japan. We are an international body.

The amount of benevolence reported above by no means shows the extent of the benevolent work of our Leagues. We have synodical organizations that are benevolent to the extent of educating men for the ministry at home and supporting them on the foreign field; district organizations that are benevolent to the extent of purchasing an automobile for a foreign missionary and to backing up the Inner Mission work of a city. 150 local organizations are supporting proteges in India. Miss Sarah Mayberry, a former Secretary of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, has recently changed her name to Mrs. Fred Fiedler, and gone to assist her husband in our India mission. Miss Marion Potts, a former Secretary of the Philadelphia District League, has gone to render service in our Japan mission. Miss Ethel Mosteller, another ex-Secretary of the Philadelphia District League, is about to prepare to be a kindergarten teacher in our Japan Mission. Several of our Leaguers have written to the office, stating that they are considering giving their lives to the service of the Church. Their names have been sent either to one of the Secretaries of the Board of Education, or to the Candidate Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society.

The real statistics of the Luther League of America are not found in the report of the Secretary, they must be sought upon the pages of the Book of the Recording Angel.

JUNIORS.

At the Washington convention of the United Church the President recommended that the Executive Board take into consideration the overlapping agencies of the Church, and co-ordinate where possible. The Executive Board referred the matter to a sub-committee who called into conference representatives of all the agencies of the Church, and it was discovered that but two overlapped, the Luther League of America and the Women's Missionary Society, both of whom had Junior and Young People's Departments.

Another meeting was called and the Executive Committees of the Luther League of America and the Women's Missionary Society were invited to send representatives to the same with a plan of co-ordination, if possible.

Your Executive Committee adopted the following:

"The Luther League of America conceives its mission and scope of work to be all work among young people in the Church aside from the Sunday School work, and that its program shall cover the spheres of Junior, Intermediate and Senior Departments. Accordingly, a program with proper plans has been formulated for carrying on the same, looking for the right development and training of the boys and girls in a full, well-rounded way through these departments into a well trained, intelligently informed as to doctrine and practice of our Church, active, efficient Church members for service in the Kingdom of God."

A Committee was then appointed to attend the meeting in question and use its best judgment.

In the discussion it was revealed that the Women's Missionary Society has a much larger, better organized and better equipped Junior organization than the Luther League of America. It was apparent that two Junior organizations in the average congregation would cause confusion, and it was also apparent that the Junior organization of the Women's Missionary Society was much in advance of the Luther League of America, whose Junior Department is a negligible quantity outside of Pennsylvania, and inasmuch as the United Lutheran Church was asking for co-operation, your representatives thought it would be bad grace to take an arbitrary stand, and the following was adopted:

"A Committee of Six, two of whom shall be appointed by the Luther League of America, two by the Women's Missionary Society and two by the Parish and Church School Board, shall be constituted, and this Committee shall plan a fully rounded program for the children of the Church.

"The organization name for children under fourteen years of age shall be the Light Brigade and the responsibility for calling and salarying a superintendent of the Light Brigade and also for the printing and distributing of literature for the Light Brigade, under the supervision of the Committee of Six, provided for above, shall be placed with the Women's Missionary Society, and the gifts made by the Light Brigade shall go into the Women's Missionary Society.

"At the age of fourteen the girls and boys shall be promoted to the Luther League, and the Committee shall submit to the Luther League suggestions for a continuation program."

This to become effective January 1, 1923.

The Parish and Church School Board, while not an overlapping agency, was providing Bible School literature for Juniors and was therefore invited to participate.

Your Secretary is of the opinion that the resolution submitted by the Luther League of America was the best plan, but when it became apparent that the best plan could not be effected, common sense demanded that the second best plan be given a trial. I therefore recommend that the position taken by the Executive Committee in the matter be ratified by this convention.

INTERMEDIATES

Should the above-named plan for Juniors be put into operation, it will necessitate the immediate expansion of our Intermediate Department which is as yet in its infancy, in order to receive the Juniors when they are promoted to the Luther League.

I recommend that the Executive Committee be empowered to employ a full time Secretary for the coming biennium for the Intermediate Department. I believe that the Department at the end of the biennium will be organized to the extent that the income will almost cover the expense.

FRATERNAL VISITORS

As per the action of the Fort Wayne convention, Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr, bore the greetings of this body to the Luther League of the Augustana Synod, and the Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., to the Luther League of the United Norwegian Church. A telegram was sent to the Walther League of the Synodical Conference.

As the General Secretaries of the denominational Young People's Societies were visiting and fraternizing with the Young People in the countries of Europe, your Secretary was of the opinion that it behooved the Luther League of America to at least gain some information as to existing conditions among these young people. He learned that the Rev. Prof. J. F. Krueger, D.D., President of Midland College, would spend the summer in Central Europe, and he was appointed to represent the Luther League of America while abroad. His report is herewith appended.

QUADRICENTENNIAL.

Thursday, September 21 will be the four hundredth anniversary of Luther's translation of the New Testament, and as we will be assembled in convention I recommend that we close the morning session at 11:45 and for fifteen minutes go into a celebration of this noted event.

NECROLOGY.

Mrs. C. T. A. Anderson, the wife of our good President, after months of illness and suffering, entered into Life on March 5, 1921.

Miss Virginia M. Boyer, a member of the Luther League of Pennsylvania and a missionary in our India field, lost her life in an accident at sea on May 21, 1922.

The Rev. David H. Bauslin, D.D., the president of Hamma Divinity School and one of the Luther League's staunchest friends, departed this life suddenly on March 3, 1922.

"The golden evening brightens in the West;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia!"

I recommend that suitable minutes be made.

FUTURE CONVENTIONS.

This is the first convention during my tenure of office that has been held outside of the vacation season, as I have ever believed and argued that this season suited our young people best. There were others who felt that the climatic conditions of the vacation season made it an undesirable time for the holding of a convention. The invitation from the city of York made it possible to put the matter to a test, as it stated that the 15th of September was the earliest date on which they could entertain us. While we are meeting in our strongest centre, the attendance at this convention can doubtless be used as a criterion for the fixing of future convention dates.

Should there be 250 delegates in attendance, the delegates may return to their home at a cost of one-half of the regular railroad rate, provided they have certificates and have deposited them at the registration desk for validation by the railroad agent.

Both the United Lutheran Church and the Luther League of America meet biennially in the same year. This is unfortunate, as action taken by one body relative to the other must wait two years for execution. I therefore recommend, that when this convention adjourns, it adjourns to meet in 1925, and thereafter biennially.

CONCLUSION.

Dr. McGiffert sums up Luther's work by saying that: "He changed the whole tone of society, a new lay culture taking the place of the clerical culture of the Middle Ages."

Wesley, following with his revival, said, "Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergymen or laymen, they alone will bring in the Kingdom of Heaven upon earth."

Young Lutheran laymen, the church of tomorrow, this is your day of preparation. Let us at this convention plan wisely and broadly and well, so that uniting our efforts with others of a like impulse we may place the Church of the Reformation, the Church of the Open Bible, in the vanguard of Christ's conquering army, where God surely meant it to be when 400 years ago He led the Monk of Wittenberg to find and give to the world again the unsearchable riches of His Word.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) HARRY HODGES,
General Secretary.

The Report of the Treasurer is also quoted in full, as follows:

"It is with much gratification that we present our report this year. We, as an organization, have much cause to render thanks to Him Who is responsible for every success of work in His Kingdom. For He has abundantly blessed us. The League has proven that, when it really gets down to work and desires to do, it can accomplish the thing which it starts out to do.

"In looking over reports of previous years, we find a very large material increase in the League's contributions during the past several years. Ten years ago, at the Baltimore convention, the per capita contribution was seven cents, the total amount reported was little less than $2,700.00. It later increased to $4,000.00, and it has increased up until the figure which we find today, the per capita contribution during the past biennium actually amounted to 62½ cents.

"The achievement during the last year has been accomplished through the work of the General Secretary together with the Treasurers of the State Leagues who have so ably assisted in gathering the funds. To them belongs the honor of having accomplished that of the report which follows:

Balance on hand, July 8, 1920		$ 421.18
Dues	$8,946.17	
Convention offerings	89.66	
Convention Fees	204.00	
Review Fund	5,926.75	
Literature Sales	136.05	
Publication House Commission	24.64	
Miscellaneous	1.54	$15.328.81
Total		$15,749.99
Mr. Hodges, Salary	$4.050.00	
Mr. Hodges, Traveling Expenses	2,949.43	
Office Expenses:		
a—Rent	$750.00	
b—Postage	550.00	
c—Furnishings	125.50	
d—Telephone	100.00	
e—Sundries	31.19	1,556.69
Miscellaneous Expenses:		
a—Miss Mehlhouse, Salary	$425.00	
b—Miss Mehlhouse, Honorarium	100.00	
c—Envelopes (Duplex and Topics Mailing)	78.24	
d—Printing	178.10	
e—Pamphlets, Hand Book, etc.	228.72	
f—Sundries	23.89	1,033.95
Dr. L. M. Kuhns (Back Salary)	1,212.30	
Executive Committee Expenses	325.00	
Literature Committee Expenses	215.00	
Finance Committee Expenses	62.96	
Junior Committee Expenses	239.74	
Intermediate Committee Expenses	146.45	
Convention Expenses	599.03	
Hon. E. F. Eilert (REVIEW deficit)	3,150.00	$15,540.55
September 15, 1922, Balance		$ 209.44

STATEMENT, PLEDGES DEFICIT FUND.

Pledged		$ 8,256.00
Paid	$5,726.25	
Mr. Eilert	1,000.00	

Cancellled		$438.00	
Connecticut—State	$100.00		
Ohio—State	$400.00		
District	234.00		
Local	185.00		
Individual	40.00	859.00	
Indiana, local	8.00		
Pennsylvania, local	36.00		
Nebraska, local	25.00		
Kentucky, local	18.75		
Michigan, individual	10.00		
Illinois, individual	35.00	$1,091.75	$ 8,256.00
Due Mr. E. F. Eilert			$ 4,631.53
Dr. L. M. Kuhns			1,212.30
Receipts			$ 6,726.75
Paid Eilert Printing Company	$4,150.00		
Paid, Dr. L. M. Kuhns	1,212.30		5,362.30
Credited to General Fund			$ 1,364.45
Total Receipts			$ 6,726.75

HONOR ROLL—DUES PAID TO END OF YEAR 1922.

District of Columbia
Illinois
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Nebraska
New Jersey
New York
North Carolina
Nova Scotia
Virginia

HONORABLE MENTION—DUES PAID TO DATE.

DUES PAID IN PART.

Pennsylvania
Connecticut
Minnesota
Ohio

NO PAYMENT.

Wisconsin

Outstanding dues $864.30

All of these reports (with the exception of the Treasurer's Report, which was referred to an Auditing Committee) were referred to a Committee on Reports and Resolutions, of which Dr. M. J. Bieber was Chairman, the other members being: Rev. H. S. Paules, Rev. H. D. Shimer, Rev. Richard Schmidt, Mr. G. W. Uhler, Miss Ruth Blackwelder, Miss Marian Seyler, Miss Mary Markley.

An Auditing Committee was appointed, consisting of Mr. Raymond Lutz, Chairman; Miss Brenda Mehlhouse, Mr. Arthur H. Dittmer.

The following were appointed to serve on the Credential and Nominating Committees, respectively:

Credentials — Mr. Hans Caemmerer, Chairmain; Rev. M. D. Geesey, Mr. Herbert Fischer, Miss Ethel Mosteller, Miss Cecelia Willert, Miss Alma Rancke, Mrs. Ivan Swan, Miss Mildred Struve, Miss Alberta Herman, Miss Mary Moyer, Miss Mary Hoffman, Miss Alberta Tarter, Mr. Lawrence Redman.

Nominating—Mr. John Greiner, Chairman; Mr. William Eck, Rev. D. G. Jaxheimer, Mr. James H. Solt, Mrs. S. T. Peterson, Rev. J. S. Albert, Rev. A. B. Leamer, Mr. Edgar Holden, Miss May Childers, Rev. C. H. Bartsch, Mrs. Charles Oehring, Mr. Alfred J. Beil, Miss Buehla Lyerly, Mr. E. R. Kochheiser, Mr. Wellington Kiester, Rev. J. H. Beates.

The first item of new business was the consideration of the amendments to the constitution, necessitated by the adoption of the Luther League as the official Young People's Society of the United Lutheran Church in America. A few snags were struck while discussing the proposed amendments, which had been offered in regular constitutional form at the opening session by Mr. Harry Hodges. The amendments as finally adopted are:

Article II. of the old constitution, on FAITH. This Article was eliminated in view of the fact that when the Luther League of America became a part of the United Lutheran Church it automatically accepted the Church's basis of faith.

ARTICLE II. AFFILIATION

This organization is a part of the United Lutheran Church in America and auxiliary to its operations.

ARTICLE III. OBJECTS

The objects of this League shall be to encourage the formation of Young People's Societies in all congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America, to stimulate Christian activity in, and to foster the spirit of loyalty to the Church through Education—Missions—Life Service.

A—Education — Bible Study, Topics — Reading Courses.

B—Missions—By the encouraging of the specific study of missions, and definite missionary work, by local, district and synodical leagues.

C—Life Service—By directing the thought of the young people to the service of the Church, both as a vocation and as an avocation.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section One. Any Young People's Society of whatever name connected with a congregation or institution in the United Lutheran Church in America and all District and Synodical organizations whose membership shall have been recommended by the Executive Committee are entitled to Active Membership.

Section Two. Any Lutheran Young People's Society connected with a congregation or institution not affiliated with the United Lutheran Church in America shall be eligible to Associate Membership, and its delegates be entitled to all privileges, with the exeception of holding office, or membership in the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V. REPRESENTATION

Each Society admitted to membership shall be entitled to one delegate, each District and each Synodical organization (where such Synodical organization is identical with a District organzation) to three delegates, each State and each Synodical organization (where such organization is identical with a State organization) to ten delegates, in all conventions. Absent delegates shall be entitled to representation by duly accredited alternates.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this League shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a General Secretary, an Educational Secretary, a Missionary Secretary, a Life Service Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The duties of all the officers shall be such as usually are incident to their respective offices.

The General Secretary shall officiate at all conventions and shall have charge of the program arrangements, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

The General Secretary shall keep a complete record of all the Leagues and Societies in connection with this body; shall distribute literature giving particulars as to the organization of individual, district and Synodical organizations, and shall promote as far as possible the organization of the young people in the United Lutheran Church in America, performing this and all other duties as may be requested under the direction of and in conjunction with the Executive

Committee. He shall have charge of all the correspondence of the League.

The Educational Secretary shall be the Chairman of the Literature Committee. He shall be the Editor of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and also of the Luther League Topics. He shall have charge of all the editorial work of the Luther League of America; prepare notices of the Luther League of America for the denominational press; provide for and publish tracts and special articles concerning the work of the Luther League of America, and examine all manuscripts, pamphlets, or printed books offered to the Luther League of America. In providing for the comments on the Topics both for the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and the Topics as well as other publications of the Luther League of America, he may secure such assistance as this work may require, but he shall have supervision of all manuscripts thus prepared.

He shall at all times submit his plans and policies to the Literature Committee for approval and shall adapt his work to their counsel and direction.

He shall arrange a scheme of topics for each biennium with the assistance and approval of the Literature Committee, to be submitted for final adoption to the Executive Committee.

The Educational Secretary shall promote the use of the Luther League Reading Courses and arrange in such ways as he may deem best to secure for them the largest educational value. He shall arrange for the registration of candidates applying for diplomas; in case of examination in the Reading Courses all papers connected therewith shall pass through his hands; any diplomas published by the Luther League of America to those who have completed the courses shall be issued by him and together with the President of the Luther League of America he shall sign the same.

The revision of the Reading Courses shall be in his charge subject to the approval of the Literature Committee and endorsed by the Executive Committee.

At each convention of the Luther League of America he shall present a report of the work of the Educational Secretary and the Literature Committee, but before its presentation it shall be referred for approval to the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. The Missionary Secretary shall encourage and assist in the study and practice of missions by individuals, local, district and synodical leagues.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Life Service Secretary to secure from the ranks of the Luther League of America recruits for life service in the various departments of the church at home and abroad.

Sec. 5. None but duly accredited delegates shall be eligible to office.

Sec. 6. Officers, excepting the General Secretary, the Educational Secretary, the Missionary Secretary and the Life Service Secretary, shall be elected by ballot at each convention, and shall serve until their successors are chosen.

The General Secretary, the Educational Secretary, the Missionary Secretary and the Life Service Secretary shall be elected by the Executive Committee and shall serve until their successors are chosen.

Sec. 7. Vacancies which may occur in the offices, except President and Vice-President, shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 8. Should the Presidency become vacant, the First Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President for the unexpired term and in the event of his inability to serve, the Second Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President.

Sec. 9. The officers of this organization, together with the members of all standing committees, shall be considered duly accredited delegates to every convention held during their term of office.

ARTICLE NINE—COMMITTEES.

Section 1. The following committees, excepting the Executive Committee, which is elective, together with their Chairman, shall be appointed by the President for a term of two years, viz.:

Sec. 2. An Executive Committee, consisting of all the officers, and Chairmen of all standing committees of the Luther League of America, the retiring President of the Luther League of America for a term of two years, together with eight members to be elected at large, four to be elected at each biennial convention for a term of four years.

The Chairman of the Committee on Associations of Young People of the United Lutheran Church in America shall be ex-officio a member of the Executive Committee.

All bills shall be presented to this committee and shall be paid by the Treasurer only upon order signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

They shall have power to execute ad-interim any business that may be deemed urgent and to consider matters for the welfare of the League.

They shall select the time and place of the convention when not otherwise provided for and make arrangements for the same. They also shall have power to receive and pass upon applications for membership, should they be presented ad-interim.

Sec. 3. A Literature Committee, which shall consist of seven members, including the Educational Secretary, whose duties shall be to arrange for the publication and distribution of the literature of the Luther League of America. They shall study the literary needs of the Luther League of America and determine how they may best be met and shall form and execute plans to meet these needs.

The committee may be divided into sub-committees for special work, in which case the Educational Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of each committee.

No imprint of the Luther League of America, nor list of names in possession of either the committee or Secretary, shall be given out without the approval or sanction of this committee.

The committee, with the publisher of the Luther League of America, shall arrange for copyrights of publications. The use of any copyright of this organization by others may be granted by the publisher and Educational Secretary.

The necessary correspondence of this committee shall be conducted by the Educational Secretary.

The necessary expenses of this committee and of the Educational Secretary shall be borne by the Luther League of America; expenses other than necessary expenses must first be submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee for approval.

Sec. 4. A Junior Committee, consisting of two members, who shall co-operate with the Women's Missionary Society and the Church and Parish School Boards, in the Committee of Six for the promotion of Junior work.

(Action on this section was deferred.)

Sec. 5. An Intermediate Committee consisting of five members whose duty it shall be to promote intermediate work on the territory of this body.

Sec. 6. A Finance Committee, consisting of five members, of which the Treasurer shall be Chairman, whose duties shall be such as relate to the finance of the League.

Sec. 7. A Credential Committee consisting of one member from each Synodical league in active membership, whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon all credentials of delegates and applications for membership.

Sec. 8. A Nominating Committee, consisting of one member from each synodical (State) league in active membership, who shall select the name of one candidate for each office. Additional candidates may be nominated on the floor of the convention.

Sec. 9. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Sec. 10. Any member of a local League connected with this organization may be appointed on a committee.

Sec. 11. The Secretaries of all committees shall be required to furnish a copy of the minutes of each meeting to the General Secretary within ten days after the meeting.

The constitution as amended, was adopted as a whole.

As usual, the Committee on Reports and Resolutions worked with indefatigable energy. Their report as finally adopted, is given in full:

1. RESOLVED, That the Luther League of America is devoutly thankful to the Great Head of the Church for His signal blessing upon it during the past; and it fervently invokes the Divine favor upon all its future operations.

2. RESOLVED, That this convention is sincerely grateful to the pastors and congregations of this historically Lutheran city, to the Local Luther League Committee for its courteous and generous hospitality, to the General Secretary, to the Executive Committee, to the Program Committee, to the speakers, to the singers, to the musicians, to the Lutheran Bureau, to the local press and to all who assisted in making this convention so wonderfully inspiring and successful.

3-A. RESOLVED, That the report of the Executive Committee be adopted:

a. Relative to the reception of the seven Leagues during the biennium, viz.:

1. The Luther League of the Southwest Virginia and Holston Synods,

2. The Columbia District League.
3. The District League of the Pacific Northwest.
4. The Luther League of the First Church, Richmond, Va.
5. The Luther League of Trinity Church, Smithsburg, Md.
6. The Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.
7. The Luther League of Grace Church, Phoenix, Arizona,

which Leagues this convention cordially welcomes into its membership.

b. The appointment of the Rev. D. H. C. Roehner as the efficient Editor of the Young People's page in "The Lutheran."

3-B. Whereas, the following report of a joint meeting of representatives of the Committee on Co-ordination of Work in the United Lutheran Church, of the Luther League and of the Women's Missionary Society, held in Harrisburg, Pa., for the purpose of co-ordinating the work of the junior ages, outside of the work of the Sunday School, has been presented to this convention (The Parish and Church School Board representatives having been in attendance at a former and a subsequent meeting to the above-mentioned), and

Whereas, the action of that Joint Committee is (see Report of General Secretary),

Be it RESOLVED,

1. That we affirm our hearty accord with the general purpose of the United Lutheran Church through its Committee on Co-ordination.

2. That we favor a uniform, well-rounded program for work among boys and girls of junior age.

3. That we do not favor the plan of placing the execution of the plan and program into the hands of the Women's Missionary Society, under the supervision of a Committee of Six, composed of two representatives from each of the following: Parish and Church School Board, Women's Missionary Society and Luther League.

4. That we recommend that under the auspices of the Committee on Co-ordination of the United Lutheran Church another conference be held.

5. That we authorize our Executive Committee to appoint a committee for such a conference.

6. And that any program in harmony with the constitution of the Luther League of America may temporarily be put into effect until the next meeting of the Luther League of America.

4. RESOLVED, That the Report of the President be adopted.

5. RESOLVED, That the sincere sympathy of this convention be extended to President Anderson in his sore bereavement; that we also mourn the early departure of Miss Virginia Boyer, one of our League missionaries to India; the entering into life of Dr. D. H. Bauslin, one of the League's staunchest friends; and for all of our members who have gone to their reward during the biennium. (This was adopted with a rising vote, Dr. Kuhns leading in prayer.)

6. RESOLVED, That the League rejoices in becoming the authorized Young Peoples Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, and it feels the increased opportunity and responsibility of thus materially assisting in the development of the splendid young people in this forward-moving church body.

7. RESOLVED, That the convention adopt and prayerfully carry out the slogan:

A Luther League in every congregation and every young person in the League.
The Luther League Review in every League home.
The faithful use of the Luther League Topics by every League.

8. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Luther Leaguers of America be extended to our retiring officers; that prayerful and loyal support be given to all our officers and leaders and to the various local and general operations of the League.

9. RESOLVED, That the Report of the General Secretary be adopted.

10. RESOLVED, a. That the convention looks with favor upon the enlarging of our objective; the development of the Educational, Missionary and Life Service Departments, and therefore empowers the Executive Committee to call full time Secretaries for these departments as soon as practicable. b. That in order to accomplish this forward movement, the Luther League of America increases the per capita dues from fifteen cents (the present dues) to twenty-five cents, and that the Executive Committee be empowered to request the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America for financial aid, if such aid is necessary.

11. Since the stock of the Luther League Hymnals is exhausted and a new edition would be quite expensive, and since the Common Service Book Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America is issuing a suitable book for use by its various organizations, be it

RESOLVED, That this matter be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to act.

12. RESOLVED, That the Luther League of America rejoices in the fact that some of its members have gone as missionaries to the foreign field; that others are preparing to go; that missions and missionaries and missionary movements are supported by our Leagues; that a number of our members have entered and are entering the diaconate; and that a number of our young men are preparing for the ministry. The League prays for all these workers and movements and for a steadily increasing number of men and women for the Home, the Foreign and the Inner Mission fields.

13. RESOLVED, That the report of the Intermediate Department be adopted and that the Executive Committee be empowered, if it sees fit, to employ a full time Secretary for this important and expanding work.

14. RESOLVED, That fraternal delegates to the conventions of Young People's Societies of other Lutheran bodies, be appointed by the Executive Committee, in order to get into closer touch with these bodies and thus hasten the day of co-operation or union.

15. RESOLVED, That this convention appreciates the greetings of the Iowa State Luther League.

16. RESOLVED, That we commend the action of the General Secretary in asking the Rev. Prof. J. F. Krueger, D.D., to represent the Luther League of America in Europe during this summer.

17. RESOLVED, That when this convention adjourns, it be to meet again at the call of the Executive Committee.

18. Having heard the cry of dire distress and destitution that comes from our brethren in devastated Europe; and learning of the awful massacres of the Armenians and other Christian peoples, even our own brethren, in the Near East, and the almost entire extermination of men, women and children by the sword and by famine, be it

RESOLVED, That this Body, in convention assembled, decides to answer this cry, 1, through its unceasing prayers that the hand of the destroyer may be stayed; and 2, through its liberal gifts as Leagues and as individuals, in order that the perishing may be preserved and saved.

19. RESOLVED, That we express our thankful appreciation of the excellent exhibits at this convention.

20. RESOLVED, That we can best show our appreciation of Luther's gift to the world (the open Bible) by each one daily reading it, by teaching and preaching it, and by sending it through our missionaries and through the Bible Societies, unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

21. RESOLVED, That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted; that we rejoice in the excellent financial condition of the League, and that no expenses shall be incurred without the sanction of this Committee.

22. RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Junior League work be adopted. We rejoice in the progress that the Junior work has made during the biennium and we urge the organization of a Junior League or Junior Missionary Society in every congregation.

23. RESOLVED, That this convention rejoices with the whole nation that its prayers for the recovery to health of the First Lady of the Land have been answered, and RESOLVED, That greetings and best wishes for the health and strength of our honored President and his beloved wife be sent by this convention. (This resolution was adopted with a rising vote, Dr. Roehner leading in prayer.)

The report of the Nominating Committee, always one of interest, was accepted, and there being no nominations from the floor, the General Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the newly elected officers. These are:

President, Mr. P. Walter Banker; first vice-president, Mr. O. C. Rohde; second vice-president, Mr. E. R. Lineberger; recording secretary, Mrs. S. T. Peterson; treasurer, Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer.

Executive Committee—Rev. G. F. Gehr, D.D., Rev. H. C. Roehner, D.D., Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., Mr. Wm. H. Menges.

The Auditing Committee reported having audited the books of the Treasurer and found them to be correct.

The Committee on Credentials reported an attendance of:

Registered delegates	216
Delegates at large	14
International visitors	2
Visitors	194
Total	426

The 216 delegates represented 136 local, 41 district and 39 State delegates, from eighteen states. A tabulated report of these follows:

	Local	District	State	Total
Baltimore	12	—	—	12
Connecticut	2	—	4	6
District of Columbia	3	2	—	5
Georgia	1	—	—	1
Illinois	1	3	1	5
Indiana	—	—	2	2
Iowa	—	—	—	0
Kansas	—	—	1	1
Kentucky	1	1	—	2
Michigan	1	—	—	1
Minnesota	—	—	2	2
North Carolina	1	—	5	6
Nebraska	2	—	2	4
New Jersey	3	1	1	5
New York	13	8	8	29
Nova Scotia	—	—	—	0
Ohio	6	1	4	11
Pennsylvania	86	25	9	120
Southwest Virginia	1	—	—	1
Wisconsin	3	—	—	3
				216

It was announced to the Convention that reduced fares would not be granted the delegates, as only 213 certificates had been turned in, the required minimum being 250 certificates.

During the course of the business sessions Dr. Bieber and Mr. Fuhr, as fraternal delegates to the conventions of the Luther League of the Norwegian Church and the Luther League of the Augustana Synod, respectively, gave their impressions.

The following visitors were also introduced in their official capacities, and given the privilege of the floor by the Chair:

Mr. Kiesler, President of the Luther League of the Synod of South Carolina; the Rev. Mr. N. Saranen, President of the Finnish Young People's Federation; Mr. E. Augustus Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Associations of Young People of the United Lutheran Church; the Rev. F. E. Jensen, of the Lutheran Bureau; and Dr. Edgar Grim Miller, of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

The two latter made some brief remarks, the former in the interest of the *Lutheran World Almanac* and the last named in the interest of Ministerial Relief.

Items to be Especially Noted.

The Slogan: A LUTHER LEAGUE IN EVERY CONGREGATION AND EVERY YOUNG PERSON IN THE LEAGUE. THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW IN EVERY LEAGUE HOME. THE FAITHFUL USE OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE TOPICS BY EVERY LEAGUE.

Item 10—Resolutions Committee Report. —Increase of dues. Cheer up! It's only ten cents, less than the price of one ice-cream soda a year for each Leaguer! But seriously speaking, if we are truly in earnest about carrying out our three-fold program of Education, Missions, Life Service, we will realize that even 25 cents is a very insignificant amount to ask for. Your delegates voted for the increase. Now, see that the dues are paid promptly! The name and address of the new Treasurer of the Luther League of America is: Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer, 427 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Amendments.—Note particularly Article V relative to future representation at conventions.

Ladies: We call your attention to the fact that the Ladies are now represented on the Executive Committee, with the establishment of the office of Recording Secretary and the appointment of a lady to hold the position. We can't quite score a victory, for some of our good men did this before they were asked to do it. However, they were wise!

SECTION VI.

The Simultaneous Conferences.

On Wednesday afternoon of the Convention there was held four good, although short, conferences on the work of the State League, of the District League, of the Local League, and a conference of pastors on Luther League work in general. All of these conferences were well attended; and in spite of the necessity of cutting down the time from one hour to one-half hour, the concentrated discussions were full of splendid ideas and hints for doing effective League work. We wish it would be possible to give everything and every thought which was presented, but in the limited amount of space possible in these pages, only a brief report can be given of each conference.

The conference on the work of the State Luther Leagues was in charge of the Rev. Harold S. Miller, of Brooklyn, New York,

who is President of the Luther League of New York State, which organization has made a splendid record during his presidency. The trend of the discussion at the conference was as follows:

Pastor Miller—I have four things to say and then I want every one else in the room to talk, for the value of a round table discussion is for each one present to take part and to express his own ideas on the subject we are discussing. The first thing I would say relates to the organization of the State League. The Luther League of New York State is divided into three synods, and for the present it would be out of the question to divide the membership up into synodical organizations.

Then, too, in the second place, I would emphasize the importance of "live wires." The personnel of the State organization is all important. The officers should be Lutherans and leaders at heart. On the President devolves most of the responsibility, and consequently he should be well chosen. Because the constitution says that the Luther League is a young people's organization, we should have a young person as President rather than a person of middle age.

In the third place, have a definite program in your State. Have this program printed so that it can be kept in each leaguer's Bible, or other suitable place where they shall see it every day. The ideal life of a leaguer must have as its ideal—Christ. It is the responsibility of the Church to give us an adequate program. I believe the program which the Luther League of New York State has (see copy of it in the District Workers' Conference) is definite. Unless you have something for your leagues to do, your State work will be a failure.

In the fourth place, you must create interest. Have your President—or if you have a paid worker—attend every District at least once a year at its convention. Send out a letter, well worded, to the young people and containing ideas of the young people. In a State convention once a year you can create enough interest in the State to start the ball a-rolling. The finances can be solved by good executives.

North Carolina Representative—We have 1,800 members with a budget of $5,000, apportioned for home, foreign missions, etc. We have interest in the work in which we put our money. The first duty which we Luther Leaguers owe to the Church is to train leaders.

Nebraska Representative—Our great need is a Leaders' Conference, where it would be possible to get together for a week or ten days to train and o get together for working out plans.

Mr. Banker—We will follow an aggressive leader anywhere. Weed out the "dead wood" in your Leagues. Find out what each one has done and why he has done it. Or else arouse him to do something. Be sure that your State President is at the National Convention and your District President is at the State Convention. Secure a Treasurer who is "on the job," and believe in and back up your State officers.

Pennsylvania Representative—We have in Pennsylvania an executive secretary who does much of the detail work of the League. We have a monthly news letter. Three copies are sent to every local League—one to the pastor, one to the President and one to the Secretary. It is impossible for the President to make personal calls throughout the State, but some member of the Executive Committee acts in his place on these visits.

Kansas Representative—This State organization covers considerable territory; in some cases we have 150 miles between Leagues. We are dividing the State into districts and appointing a visiting officer, who will endeavor to build up the local Leagues in his section. We have a summer conference in June for the training of all Leaguers.

The District Workers' Conference was in charge of Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer, the Secretary of the Brooklyn and Long Island District, and the Treasurer of the Luther League of New York State. The conference discussion was as follows:

Mr. Dittmer—The District Luther Leaguers are no longer satisfied with playing with the Luther League work and activities; they demand today a more active and higher quality of leadership. They demand today opportunities for their own self-expression, and they ask for active, wideawake, enthusiastic leaders to lead them on to the highest possible development of League work. They demand ideas and inspiration and expect it, as they have a right to expect it, of their officers.

Since our time is so limited, I think it would be more helpful if we discussed only the three most important items of our agenda:

3. Is a goal of any importance in District League Work?

4. What types of District conventions have been found most successful?

5. What are the best methods of pursuing the work of the District League between conventions: (a) through correspondence, (b) by "personal contact," (c) committee system.

Since you are all agreed that these three questions are the most important of the six questions submitted, we will deal with each one of them separately. First, Is a goal of any importance in District League Work?

The set task is a challenge, provided it seems to be obtainable. All of us like to see the results of our efforts, especially in comparison with the efforts of others. A little competition in our work is a good thing, for it stimulates the minds of our Leaguers to notice what others are doing and at least to emulate that. Experience has proved, however, that when they do that, they usually improve on what others have done. The program which the District Luther League of Brooklyn and Long Island has found most effective is the one which was adopted by the Luther League of New York State a year ago, with revisions made in it at our last State Convention. It is as follows: I have passed out copies of it to every member:

1. The holding of devotional services, at least monthly, at which the Luther League topics are used.
2. The holding of monthly business meetings (exclusive of summer months).
3. One regular social held each month (exclusive of summer and Lent).
4. One hundred (100) per cent. of the members daily reading the Bible.
5. At least one yearly meeting at which the cause of the ministry and the diaconate is presented.
6. A net increase of memoers in good standing during 1922-1923 of 10 per cent.; Leagues having a membership of 200, of 5 per cent.; 500 and over, 3 per cent.
7. Fifty per cent. of the homes represented in the League receiving the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.
8. All State and District dues promptly paid (not later than March 31, 1923.
9. A regular delegate at all District Conventions.
10. A regular delegate at the 1923 State Convention.
11. Twenty per cent. of the members reading the Luther League Reading Course, and 10 per cent. completing five of the books before the next State Convention.
12. Some definite work done for two of the three following causes—Inner, Home and Foreign Missions.
13. Twenty-five (25) per cent. of the members receiving THE LUTHERAN in their homes.
14. One joint meeting during the year, with the Junior and Intermediate Leagues, or with the young people of the Sunday School or Confirmation Class.
15. One hundred (100) per cent. of the members of the League, regular church attendants. Absences due to sickness or legitimate reasons taken into consideration.

A "banner League" is one which has kept all fifteen points; a "front line League" is one which has kept at least thirteen points, and a "standard League" is one which has kept at least ten points. A one-half credit will be given during 1922-1923 for Leagues completing one-half of the requirements of each point in Nos. 1, 5, 11 and 12, and one half credit will be given to the Leagues obtaining at least 75 per cent. of questions Nos. 4 and 15.

This program has been a great stimulus in our District work. Last year we had four "front line" Leagues, one a fourteen point League, and seven "standard" Leagues. It stimulated every activity of our work, and is largely responsible for the results which have been obtained, as you have doubtless noticed on our exhibit at this convention.

Mr. Lineberger, of North Carolina—The budget of our Synodical League is not in the true sense a goal, but it consists of the following items:

$1,600 for Home Missions.
$1,600 for Foreign Missions.
$800 for current expenses.
$150 for the theological seminary and several other items.

Our District's goal is "inspiration, information, education."

Mr. Dittmer—With your consent we will proceed to the consideration of the next item: What types of District conventions have been found most successful? In the Brooklyn and Long Island we have found that the Method type—the type of showing the Leaguers how to run devotional meetings, etc., has not been as effective as the inspirational type, because the inspirational type has stimulated the thinking of our Leaguers and prepared them in such a way that they welcomed the visits of our committees and leaders who were invited to show them how in their own organizations, when the committee chairman visited them.

Many of the members took part in this discussion, both asking and answering questions. The consensus of opinion was in favor of the inspirational type of meeting. The conference, however, could not come to any consensus of opinion relative to the number of conventions to be held each year. Pittsburg and Brooklyn and Long Island Districts have found two conventions the number most effective, while Chicago has found one annual convention and four quarterly meetings, most effective. Syracuse has found Sunday afternoon and evening the most effective time.

Mr. Dittmer—We therefore consider the next question: What are the best methods of pursuing the work of the District League between conventions: (a) Through correspondence, (b) by "personal contact," and (c) through the committee system. We have found two of these methods—the correspondence and "personal contact" methods—the most effective in our District work. The regular sending out of informative material through letters, bulletins or printed matter, helps the Leaguers to feel that they are a part of the District organization. It is less expensive for the effort made, and keeps the organization in touch with its constituents. The "personal contact" method provides for the visit of the president, other officer or committee chairman to each League as often as possible or as often as needed. It is most effective when you are dealing with one League and you can make definite suggestions at that local League meeting which are applicable to that particular League.

Mr. George—The members of our Executive Committee visit the Leagues, and it is so arranged that each member on the committee visits one League, the expense of which is borne by the member making the visit. These visits are made unexpectedly, so that Leagues do not prepare for that particular meeting because an officer is coming.

Mr. Dittmer—The committee system is only effective when each member of the committee is actively engaged in those particular branches of the work, and when the committee meets for consultation and review of plans.

The Local League Conference was in charge of Mr. M. D. White, of Harrisburg, Pa., a condensed report of which is as follows:

Mr. White—If we are to educate our young people along the line of Church history and in the doctrine of the Church, it is necessary to have them attend our Luther League meetings. I believe, therefore, that the attendance problem is one of the biggest problems confronting the local Leagues.

There are many plans for the stimulation of Leagues at League meetings. One of these plans Miss Ruth told you about—how they keep after all the young people of their church and how they keep them regular attendants at League meetings. Many of you have doubtless looked at the exhibit of the Bethlehem Church League in the other room. The red card in the exhibit means that the person belongs to the church but does not go to Sunday school; the blue card, the person belongs to church and Sunday school; the green card is made out when he comes out to a League meeting; and the white card is made out when he is received into the League. The white card also contains space for notes for the entering of the names of the committees on which they have served, etc. After they are in the League, the first Sunday they are absent, no attention is paid to the absence; but the second Sunday they are absent a folder is mailed and every Sunday thereafter. The absentee is charged 10 cents for the folder each time it is necessary to send a card.

Another method for stimulating attendance is the plan of having special meetings or rallys; as, a general rally, a pre-State convention rally, a pre-National convention rally and a convention echo rally.

One of the educational objectives of the local League is to develop young people as leaders and speakers. How do you train them to discuss the topics and encourage them to speak at a meeting? We have found most effective the method of distributing questions at least a week in advance, and then calling on the members to answer to their names, if only in a few words. After a few times they are able to get up and speak almost without previous notice.

One of our financial problems has been to get more money for missions. Pledge cards, contribution envelopes and statements which are sent out every three months have been helpful. At one of our meetings—the last one in the month—the offering is given to missions.

The Pastors' Conference was attended by more than fifty ministers, and was led by the Rev. A. F. Keller, of Philadelphia. During the conference the following items were emphasized by those who took part: 1. The pastor should be present at all times at the League meeting. There is hardly any more urgent business than the work of the Luther League. 2. The pastor should have an active part in the League, even in an advisory capacity. The Leaguers need the help of the pastor and the inspiration of his presence. 3. The pastor should never be president, except as a last resort. He should be the League's guide, not its directing head. The discussions were lively and there was much to be said on both sides of each question, but they all agreed that they ought to do all they could to train their young people in the Luther League to strengthen their Christian lives and taking an active part in the work of the Church in and through the Luther League.

Junior Conference.

At 10:50 o'clock, on Thursday morning in Christ Church Chapel, Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, Junior Specialist of the Luther League of America, took charge of the Junior Conference. She spoke clearly, though rapidly, in order to confine the conference to the time allotted. The condensed proceedings of the Junior Conference are as follows:

Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, of Philadelphia—Why should we have Junior Leagues?

1. Because the Lutheran Church is the church of the child, the church of the catechization of its young.

2. Because the Junior League has a weekly program. If you are going to train the child consistently, you must of necessity have a continuous course.

3. Because the Junior League program offers a well rounded program for the child—physical, educational, social, religious. Through its program the child receives a well rounded training.

4. Because unless you have Junior Leagues now, you won't have Senior Leagues in the future.

Mr. Charles W. Fuhr, of Pittsburgh—The aim and purpose of the Junior League is first of all to train our juniors for full membership in the church, for every department of church membership. This well rounded program consists of:

1. Spiritual training in the reading of the Bible, at home and in Bible study classes; training in mission study, in personal and public prayer, and in giving systematically to Christian causes; in fact, teaching the juniors those things for which the Church stands.

2. Educational training in learning how to act as officers and committee members of the Junior League,

to conduct meetings and to speak in public and how to prepare interesting papers for the meetings.

3. Social training in learning how to meet the social needs of the boys and girls socially and in bringing the Church home to them in a social way. We must train them to love to come to church.

Miss Mehlhouse—How do we start a Junior League? First secure the leaflet from our office at 427 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, entitled "How to Organize a Junior League." Consult with the pastor and secure his co-operation. Call the boys and girls together for a meeting. Find your leaders and plan something very interesting for the first meeting. Give an interesting description of your plans to the boys and girls. It is to be understood from the beginning that the juniors are to be the officers and to compose the committees. End the interesting meeting with a little social hour. Appoint every child as a member of the Mermbership Committee. Meet with the officers after the meeting, and make plans for the future.

Mrs. A. F. Keller, of Philadelphia—What do you do with the little boys and girls, the smaller brothers and sisters of these juniors who also come to the meeting with the older ones? The thing to do is to get them into a little room by themselves. Teach them a few hymns and simple Bible stories. Have infinite patience with these smaller children. The pictorial system is very helpful in getting them interested. They do not like variety; they like to do the same things over and over again. Have them learn a prayer, learning it line by line after you. Have them repeat this prayer every meeting for a period. I have found the following division of the program very helpful:

Ten minutes for opening service.
Ten minutes for the memory period.
Ten minutes for a singing period.
Thirty minutes for the lesson period.
Twenty minutes for "handwork" period.
Ten minutes for the closing service.
(If your meeting time is shorter or longer, these periods can be adjusted accordingly.)

In dealing with these younger ones, be sure to patiently and carefully explain the things which are seemingly self-evident. Cut out pictures from magazines and journals. Tell them stories about these pictures. The pictures of Christ in the Temple is the story of a little boy who went to church every Sunday and who loved to be found in God's house. In the handwork period an African village can be put together to illustrate a mission study in Africa; a building in Japan, for the Japan missionary story. Teach the children obedience and what it means to obey. Watch for their little faults and endeavor to correct them tactfully and understandingly. Instill in them a love for the Church; they must be taught to love the Church, for this love is not already developed in them. Teach them to love to come, so that they will look forward from week to week coming again.

Mrs. M. Haller Frey, of York—In working with the juniors of the ages between eight and twelve years, it is necessary that you do your best to make the surroundings attractive in addition to making the program interesting. The children enjoy greatly the acting as League officers. Be sure to use the Junior Topics and to plan for Junior Rallies for them.

Mr. Charles W. Fuhr, of Pittsburgh—You can make your Junior League work interesting to the children by having them act out the character parts of the story of "Martin of Mansfield." Children find great enjoyment in this dramatization of this fascinating book.

The Intermediate Conference

The Intermediate Conference was in charge of the Rev. Charles M. Teufel, of Woodlawn, Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Intermediate Committee of the Luther League of America. The conference proved very helpful to those who attended and who took part in it, so much so that we wish it were possible to publish the conference in its entirety; but as this is not possible, we give the following condensed report of it:

Mr. Teufel—There ought to be an intermediate Luther League in every church and in our Lutheran Church for three reasons:

1. Because "everybody is doing it." The Boy Scout headquarters reported to me that there are 18,857 Boy Scout organizations in this country. The Christian Endeavor Society has 3,623 intermediate organizations, eighty-five of which are Lutheran intermediate groups not identified with our Luther League. In contrast we have forty-six intermediate Leagues. But we should not be discouraged, for the Intermediate Luther League is only an infant, just two years old. At Fort Wayne we had fifteen leagues, whereas today we have forty-six intermediate leagues; or a growth of 300 per cent. in two years. The intermediate leaguers are easier to get together than any other age group, for in the intermediate period, the adolescent ages, they naturally group themselves. It is also the impressionable age as well as the critical age, for it is the period in which decisions are made for Christ.

2. Because of the Intermediate League's ideal, its fourfold expression of the intermediate boy and girl—devotional, mental, social and physical. We want to get hold of the intermediate mentally, socially, devotionally and physically. We want to stress in this intermediate age that every activity in their lives ought to have some contact with the spiritual, and to emphasize that the spiritual should be the source of it all.

3. Because the intermediates during these ages need our supervision and the influence of our presence. During the summer we went up to our baseball field, and there was a strange boy on the field. He used very disgusting language. One of our fellows quietly whispered to him: "Don't you know that man is a preacher?" Instantly there was a decided change in his language. I believe that boy had learned a great lesson in restraint along that line. This story illustrates, it seems to me, the leavening influence that comes from our contact and supervision over the activity of the intermediates.

At another time, in one of the meetings we were discussing the problems of the high school boy, which led up to the consideration of the manner in which many of the freshmen had been treated during that week by the sophomores. In their so-called initiation they even went so far as to shave part of the freshmen's hair from their heads. After the topic had been treated by the person who had prepared it, a discussion arose. Four or five of the boys in that League were freshmen, and had suffered from the rough treatment. Before the evening was over they decided that the next year, when they were sophomores, they would not treat the freshmen in this manner. I am persuaded that these four or five boys exerted much influence the next year, and when the freshmen entered school they were accepted as comrades and not treated as heretofore.

In the Intermediate League the question of leadership is important, and occasionally we are disappointed in this direction. I believe the discouragement that comes to the average intermediate leader is due to the fact that it is so difficult to see the results and influence of the work. A young woman sensed the ideal of the intermediate program and entered into it heartily and efficiently; but at the end of the year she came to me and said she would not carry on her intermediate work any longer, and gave for her reason that her regular employment would not allow it. After speaking with her, she finally admitted that she could not see that she was doing them any good and that was her reason for her action. Yet there was an Asyrian girl in that League who had improved wonderfully under her leadership. I am convinced, therefore, that in this work the Intermediate League worker should hold before himself the thought that the important thing is the results in that intermediate's life as he grows older.

Question—Does the intermediate program advocate separate organizations for boys and girls? Answer—Yes, it has been found preferable to have a young man as superintendent for the boys and a young woman as superintendent for the girls.

Special Features.

1. Music. Music, as always at Lutheran gatherings, played a prominent part in the program. From first to last it was of the highest type. The young people and the choirs of the churches where the respective sessions are held had charge of the music. The special numbers, interspersed among the various sessions, were:

Zion Church—Anthem, "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove," by Shelly, soloist, Miss Rubie N.

Albright; anthem, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," soloists, Mrs. Ivan Spanger and George Rhodes; organist, Warren Hacket Galbraith.

Christ Church—Duet, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," the Rev. Walter H. Traub and Wilbur Mann; solo by Wilbur Mann; Christ Church Quartet, consisting of Miss Ruth Aubitz, Miss Catharine Eichelberger, Paul Givens and Wilbur Mann, "Sing Unto God;" goblet solo, Lucian C. Peeling. (This was most unique, the music being made by the player rubbing his hands across the tops of glasses filled with water); duet, Miss Catharine Eichelberger and Wilbur Mann. Befor each session held at Christ Church Chapel the organist, Miss Stallman, T. H. Miller, gave a short recital on the pipe organ, which is 150 years old.

St. Paul's—Anthem by choir, "The Sanctus," Mrs. Walter C. Black, soloist; anthem by choir, "March and Chorus of the 97th Psalm;" organist, Prof. Urban H. Hershey.

St. Matthew's—Duet, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," Charles A. Timberlake and Miss Florence Kautz.

And last, but not least, the Loysville Orphan Band! So much has already been written and told of them that we will only repeat the words of Dr. Singmaster, when he said: "The Apostle Paul never heard the Loysville Band, or he would not have written that derogatory statement about 'sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.'" Suffice it to say it was a musical treat.

2. The Pageant, "Luther's Coat of Arms," was beautifully presented at the closing session by eleven young girls of St. Matthew's local League. It was an honor to the exposition of the significance of the five colors of the League: Black, Red, White, Blue and Gold. The characters taking part were: Leader, Kathryn Thomas; black, Martha Plath, Bernice Zimmerman; red, Dolly Gulden, Edna Cross; white, Helen Brown, Verlma Eberle; blue, Mabel Strayer, Pearl Lillich; gold, Esther Tawney, Florence Mentz.

3. Junior Session. An innovation was introduced in the form of a Junior Session, almost entirely in charge of the children themselves. They marched into Christ Church Chapel with banners flying, singing lustily "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Their program was divided into three parts, consisting of:

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Address of Welcome—Fred Rever, York.
Response, by Charles W. Fuhr, Pittsburgh.
Cornet Solo—Ross Bigler, Dallastown. Pa.
Quartet by Children of Trinity Lutheran Church, York—Gale Ecker, William Lauer, Josephine Strayer, Ruth Mitchel.
Mildred Ecker, pianist.
Reading—Alexander Bupp.
Violin Solo—Gale Ecker.
Piano accompaniment by Mildred Ecker.
Instrumental Trio by Children of St. Matthew's League—Edgar Myers, Mildred Myers and Luretta Myers.

II

A splendid report of the Junior work in Grace Church, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., which League was organized twenty-five years ago. was given by Anna Geib, of Pittsburgh.

III

Regular meeting of the Junior Luther League of Christ Church was held as a model meeting.
A hymn was sung.
Bible Reading—Helen Reever.
Prayer—Offered by Charles W. Fuhr.
Recitation—Dorothy Ruchy.
Business Session—Conducted by President Fred Reever.
Roll Call—Miss Catherine Eichelberger.
Recitation—Grace Reever.
Hymn—"I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old."
Lesson—Miss Mary Boeckel.
Sentence Prayers—By the Juniors.
Hymn.
Lord's Prayer.

The entire program was a revelation of what juniors can do. The model meeting proved to be "model" in a broader sense of the word than was intended—it was a lesson to many of us as to how a well regulated meting is conducted. The ages of the participants ranged from seven to twelve years. Without exception, all did their parts well, speaking clearly, concisely and being unafraid.

4. Exhibit. Another new feature was the exhibit on display in the lower rooms of Christ Church. It was gratifying to note the large number and the variety of the exhibits, especially in view of the fact that this was our first venture along this line.

The Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church had a particularly attractive and instructive exhibit. It was in the nature of a large map illuminated by varicolored electric lights; green indicating the twelve seminaries; white, the thirteen colleges; blue, the ten academies; and red, the five schools for women. These institutions are scattered from coast to coast, three being located in Canada.

The Board of Publication also exhibited printed matter in the form of hymnals, books, pamphlets and miscellaneous literature.

The National Lutheran Council's exhibit told in picture form the story of devastated Europe and the relief work being carried on by the Lutherans of America through the Council.

Among the various exhibits it was interesting to note the original manuscript of the Luther League Rally Hymn, as written by Mrs. Lillian Weaver Cassaday.

The twenty-one exhibits of State, District and Local Leagues offered many varieties. Dr. H. C. Roehner, Dr. Gomer C. Rees, Dr. Luther M. Kuhns, Mr. E. R. Lineberger and Mr. H. P. Caemmerer acted as a committee on judging the exhibits, trophies having been offered by the York District League for the best State, District and Local exhibits. On the basis of three considerations, namely: Number of Exhibits; Number and Class of Work Exhibited; and Quality of Work, they recommended the following awarding of the trophies:

For State Exhibit, excluding Pennsylvania: Luther League of North Carolina.

For District Exhibit: District Luther League of Brooklyn and Long Island.

For Local League Exhibit, excluding York Leagues: Bethlehem, Harrisburg.

For York and York County Luther Leagues: St. Matthew's, York, with honorable mention of Christ Luther League, York.

As previously announced, trophies were also awarded for mileage covered.

A Luther League watch fob was presented to Mr. Edward Holden, of Greenleaf, Kansas, the delegate traveling the greatest distance to attend the convention, or a distance of 1,328 miles.

The other trophies, as in the case of the Exhibit trophies, consisted of beautiful bronze tablets, and were awarded as follows:

a. To the Luther League of New York State, whose 29 delegates covered the greatest total number of miles, namely, 8,092.

b. Pittsburgh District Luther League, whose delegation covered 2,880 miles.

All of the awards were made at the closing session held at St. Matthew's Church. York has set a happy precedent.

Sociability.

1. Hospitality Night. A reception, featuring Hospitality Night, was held in the church parlors at the close of the opening session at Zion Church. To help along a "get acquainted" spirit, an hour was given over to games, under the direction of John L. R. Schiding, a member of the local committee. A five-ring circus, having a kiddie car relay, with its groups constantly changing at the sound of the whistle, and an automobile race, proved effective aids in making a success of this social period. The group leaders were: Catherine Eichelberger, Elsie Mader, Henry Jacobs, Horace Mann and Clarence Depfer. The serving of refreshments followed the social.

2. "Stunt Nite." This was a convention of innovations. The idea of stunts (an importation from New York) was introduced at the close of the Wednesday evening session. Various state organizations presented an original number, a "stunt" of some sort. In some cases the State delegates sang their State song, and among these were the delegations from Maryland, Kentucky North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. The Illinois delegation was represented by Mrs. S. T. Peterson, who gave an original reading. The New York representatives presented a two-act historical play, while Nebraska offered as her part of the program an entertainment by a magician. Students from Roanoke College, as a special number, sang their class song. Special music was furnished by a local orchestra. Pretzels and lollypops were served as refreshments.

3. Junior Luncheon. A luncheon, attended by more than 125 Junior workers and persons interested in Junior work, was served in Union Lutheran Church on Thursday, beginning at 12:15 p. m. Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr presided and acted as toastmaster. Enlightening talks on Junior work were made by Mrs. M. Haller Frey, Miss Catherine Eichelberger, Miss Mary Boeckel, Miss Esther Martin, Mrs. A. F. Keller, Miss Miriam Fehr, Miss Helen Lang, Miss Mary Schultz, Mr. J. Umberger, and Mr. H. Caemmerer. The good ladies of the Church saw to it, however, that in addition to feasting on good thoughts their guests partook liberally of food for the "inner man." The luncheon was in every way a success, being inspirational and satisfying.

4. Gettysburg Trip. The trip to Gettysburg was the climax of the wonderful convention. One hundred and seventy-five delegates assembled at 8:00 a. m. in front of Christ Church on Friday morning, and were conveyed by motor trucks over the Lincoln Highway, a beautiful road whose two sides are lined with "meadows rich with corn," to the famous battleground of the Civil War. The spirit of fun among the young people was at its height during the trip. On arrival at Gettysburg, an excellent dinner was served at the Eagle Hotel. Here again the spirit of youth expressed itself in songs, cheers and delegation "yells." The trip about the battlefield, in which everything of interest was pointed out and historical events explained by battlefield guides, consumed over three hours. Opportunity was given the delegates to stop off at the Pennsylvania monument, Little Round Top, the Devil's Den and also at the Gettysburg Seminary, to which Dr. Singmaster had invited us so cordially the evening before. The College was also visited, and then commenced the return trip, after goodbyes had been said to many of the delegates who left on the afternoon train from Gettysburg direct for their homes. The expenses were entirely paid by the York District League. The trip will long be remembered as one where good cheer, good fellowship and inspiration derived at this sacred place of American history, prevailed.

5. A number of additional social events not on the official program were indulged in. These were largely in the form of banquets of the various delegations. The convention was marked throughout by this fine spirit of "get-together" and sociability.

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A boy was asking his mother when his baby brother would begin to talk.

"O, not for a long time yet," said his mother.

"Gee," exclaimed the boy, "don't you think he's a little slow? Our Sunday School teacher was reading to us from the Bible the other day that Job cursed the day he was born."—*Boys' Magazine.*

Methods

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

Suggestions for Officers and Committees.

PRESIDENT

The president is to his organization what the engineer is to the locomotive, the man who has one hand upon the throttle and the other upon the lever. He, of course, should be a person with executive ability, with the power to organize and the ability to see latent power in others and put it to work. He should have a proper perspective, which means a vision, a faith and a sense of need, also a sense of proportion, so organizing the work that no line of activity is over- or under-estimated.

While eager to accomplish results, he should be systematic in his planning and not plan more than he can prudently undertake.

He should be on the watch for available persons and tactful in their development, remembering that it is better to appoint three different persons on three committees than to appoint one person on three different committees. He should possess good temper, large patience, a sunny and an optimistic outlook.

VICE-PRESIDENT

The vice-president should be more than a figurehead; he should be a force, a person with ability to impart power, the understudy of the president.

The work of the committees should be his special sphere. He should stimulate the committee chairman and inspire each to have that particular committee to render its best service, provide for co-operation and co-ordination in the work of the committees, remembering that while each committee is important, the success of the whole is more so.

RECORDING SECRETARY

This officer should adopt as a motto "Faithfulness and Integrity." He should know the officers, to reflect their judgment; know the offices, to properly regard the work; know the committees, to see that reports are made of work performed; know the members, to be able to call each by name; know the value of records, to keep accurate minutes and safely file reports.

He should have a genius for plodding, detail, exactness, promptness, alertness, accuracy and common sense.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

This is a most important officer and good ones are rare, so if your society has a good one keep him as long as possible.

He should be in touch with the field at large, in sympathy with all the activities of the church, an enthusiast for and a firm believer in the possibilities of the cause and know that the non-answering of letters is both discourteous and unchristian.

He should realize that he is the society to the outside world and the outside world to the society.

TREASURER.

This officer should adopt as his motto "Balance and Check." He should be a person of ardent, loyal, Christian character and recognize and rejoice that he has a commanding position to do a service of extraordinary value for the kingdom.

He should possess fine, natural business qualifications, and be ambitious, enthusiastic, enterprising; in touch with the activities of the church at large.

COMMITTEE REQUISITES

Committees are for work, therefore only such persons should be selected to serve as committeemen as have a capacity for and directing work and will be faithful to all the duties assigned which includes attendance at meetings, and are familiar with the fundamental principles of the society and its methods of work.

Three essentials for a good committee are: the right kind of persons, the right kind of material, the right kind of methods. The members should be appointed by the president, and he be a member ex-officio.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This committee should do the planning for the society and relieve the meeting of as much business as possible. It should place in the hands of the officers and committee chairmen all the literature that pertains to their respective work. It should be loyal to the pastor, support the president, and stimulate the other committees.

Its personnel should be the pastor, the officers and the committee chairmen.

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The Social Meeting

A Snow Frolic.

Decorations.—Cover the floor with white, using old sheets, or cheesecloth. Sprinkle the floor with Christmas tree "snow powder." Festoon the room with white. Make a snow man by covering two bushel baskets with white. Make the head by stuffing an old pillow case, marking with ink the eyes, nose and mouth, and placing an old pipe in the mouth. Make this snow man as realistic as possible, and place him in a conspicuous place. Stuff small favors or souvenirs—obtainable at the five and ten cent store—around his neck, tying them to white and red strings which hang outside. The white strings are for the girls, the red ones for the boys. Each one visits the snow man and gets a present.

Icicle Game.—Have a wire stretched across the room. Tie sticks of candy, Christmas red and white canes or candy baskets, on it. Blindfold each one in turn, give each a pair of scissors and let them attempt to clip an "icicle." Participants are not allowed to feel around for the wire, but must clip wherever they stop.

Snow Ball.—Divide the crowd into two sides for the snowball throwing. This can be done rapidly by having them draw from a hat slips on which are written either "white" or "gold." Captains are appointed and the teams line up. A target is provided by tacking a sheet on the wall. In the center is a black piece of cheesecloth about one foot in diameter. Contestants stand at a distance of something like fifteen feet and toss a tennis ball, which has been dipped in a plate of flour, at the target. Every hit in the black center counts a point, the sides taking turns in throwing.

A Snowstorm.—Give to each girl a small circular piece of paper on which is written a number—this is a snowflake. Then someone stands on a chair, or goes to the balcony and calls all the young men to gather beneath him. He has a handful of snowflakes, duplicates of the ones given the girls. These are now showered down upon the group of men, and each is instructed to get a snowflake as they fall. He then searches for the girl with the duplicate, and they are partners for the next game.

An Ice Guessing Contest.—The following are worked out with words ending in "ice" or 'ise."

The ice of inducement—entice.
The fussy ice—precise.
The ice most feared by women—mice.
The ice of games—dice.
The ice that should satisfy—suffice.
The ice of religious worship—sacrifice.
The aromatic ice—spice.
The ice of established value—price.
The ice of invention—device.
The ice among grain—rice.
The miser's ice—avarice.
The ice of habit—practice.
The ice of the faithful Leaguer—service.
Heavenly ice—Paradise.
The ice of the peacemakers—armistice.

Christmas Snowballs.—Divide the crowd into two sides. Line the players up and give a basket, decorated with holly and ribbon, to the leader of each group. Place on the floor before each line a row of five cotton snowballs. The race is now to be run after the fashion of a potato race. The first person picks up the snowballs, puts them in the basket, and returns to deliver the basket to the next in line. This person now replaces the snowballs on the floor in proper place. And so on it goes until every player has run the course, and the side which finishes first is the winner —Phunology.

Other Christmas Suggestions.

Invitations.—Red cards written with white ink make attractive notices of the Christmas social. If these are not attainable, correspondence cards decorated with Christmas seals and stickers are attractive. Write this verse:

On the twenty-third day of December
  At the church you're requested to be.
And we hope you won't fail to remember
  To visit our Christmas tree.
And as Christmas is a jolly old time,
  We're sending to you this little rhyme,
Inclosing a stocking for you to fill with
    good things,
  Some candy and toys
That we will distribute
  To poor little boys—
Just as they wish that you would do,
And you will be happy, the wee kiddies,
    too,
They'll be delighted with Christmas, and
    so will you,

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General Secretary's Letter

DEAR LUTHER LEAGUERS:—

At the recent convention of the United Lutheran Church, the Luther League was the recipient of no little praise after the report of the Committee on Associations of Young People and the General Secretary. Some said that they had no idea that the Luther League was engaged in so much benevolence. Possibly we have been hiding our light under a bushel. The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the United Lutheran Church again calls the attention of the Young People's Societies, both federations and local organizations, to the adoption of the Luther League of America as its official Young People's organization, and urges their loyal affiliation with it."

It was a great convention and will doubtless be far reaching in its effects.

Mrs. L. Dahl, of the United Norwegian Church, who was one of the organizers of the Luther League of Wisconsin and for five years its secretary, has gone to her eternal reward.

In this issue of the REVIEW, we print the business of the York convention. Each local league would spend a profitable evening in taking these matters, item by item, and discussing them.

Since the convention no money has found its way to the treasury of the Luther League of America and the balance is ten dollars. There is due ten hundred dollars. Reader, if your league owes some of this amount have it sent in at once.

All religious periodicals are produced at a loss but the larger the subscription list the smaller the deficit. How about a campaign in every league for new subscriptions to the REVIEW for January, 1923? Why not send REVIEWS to your friends for Christmas gifts which will remind them of you twelve times a year?

In the January REVIEW we will introduce three new departments, educational, missionary, and life service.

Of course you are all preparing for Christmas. How? As a Christian or as a pagan? Many modern Christians in practice empty Christmas Day of its Christian meaning and seem bent upon restoring only the paganism of remote antiquity. Extravagant, foolish present-giving, luxurious feasting, empty and frivolous amusements too often make our keeping of the day. There was no room for Him in the inn. How much room for Him is there in our modern Christmas celebration?

The world cannot spare Christmas Day. It needs the child-like mind. It needs to honor Mary, the Blessed Mother, and to adore her Babe. And the angel's song? How our hearts should strive to hear its heavenly strains. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will to men!" The Christians of the first days may have taken over a pagan feast, but they transfigured it. Shall we Christians of modern days take the Feast, so transfigured, the Holy Feast, the Birthday of Christ, and degrade it into a mere pagan holiday?

It was out of the east the star first came.
But into the west falls its golden flame,
May the light of its promise fall on you
And make all your Christmas dreams come true.

League-ally yours,
HARRY HODGES

THE SOCIAL MEETING

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on the card, and lay tiny red stockings inside the invitation. These are to be returned with an offering which is to go to spread Christmas cheer to others.

Have a Christmas tree, and on it have inexpensive favors, one for each one present. Some hobby or particular trait of the person receiving them emphasized by the gift will add to the fun. The gifts should bear the name of the recipient and red cords should be fastened to them, and then joined at some part of the room, and all must follow the cord until it leads them to their own gift.

Christmas carols sung about the tree will make an appropriate close to the evening, after games have been played.

Refreshments.—Red paper bells should be used to decorate the room in which the refreshments are served; holly, pine and laurel also. Red candles on the table, place cards, and paper napkins in the bright Christmas colors will add to the occasion. Appropriate Christmas viands include red gelatin, cakes, Christmas candy, stuffed dates, nuts, ice cream.

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A NEW HOPE IN THE WORLD.

There is in the great world today a new hope which is being kept alive by the girls and boys of many lands. It is a hope for world peace, a hope that nations will cease to fear and hate one another and will dwell together in the spirit of brotherly love taught by Him who came to save the world.

Strange to say, this hope for universal peace sprang out of events directly traceable to the world war. In the anxious days when everyone was doing his utmost to extend aid and comfort to our brave soldiers and sailors, the school children of America asked to be permitted to help. They were banded together under the flag of the Red Cross, their organization being known as the Junior American Red Cross. When the Armistice was signed and the battle fields became quiet, it was discovered that in almost every country in Europe there were vast numbers of little children not only hungry, ragged and homeless, but those who had not lost homes and parents had no toys, no games, there was no shouting and playing—none of the things which go to make children happy. Here was a chance for the girls and boys of the Junior Red Cross to continue to be of service and they rallied to the call. At the same time it was discovered that there was much service to be rendered here at home. There were the soldiers in the hospitals, there were the sick and needy children, there were many, many calls for the services of the Juniors in their schools and their communities. Too much remained to be done to even think of disbanding because the war had come to an end and so the children of the Junior Red Cross kept right on with their work. Today there are more than 5,000,000 girls and boys in over 30,000 schools in the United States who are engaged in the mission of bringing happiness to others at home and abroad.

"But," you ask, "what has all this to do with world peace?" Now, to answer your question. When the children of Europe were told that the food and clothing, the schools, libraries and playgrounds, the toys and other gifts they received were made possible by the work and sacrifice of the children of America, the girls and boys of Belgium, France, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and the Balkan countries not only wrote letters to their young friends across the Atlantic in which they voiced their gratitude and appreciation, but they asked to be permitted to send simple gifts to America. They were not content to stop there. These children of Europe clamored for a Junior Red Cross of their own that they, too, might help those less fortunate than themselves. Following the example of the school children of America there are now 23 countries having a Junior Red Cross whose members are marching under the banner "I Serve." In this way, within the last four years there has grown up a world-wide organization of children who are extending a helping hand and being of service at every opportunity.

The Juniors of America and Europe in their exchange of letters, gifts and educational material are rapidly becoming acquainted with one another and are forging lasting bonds of friendship. When these boys and girls grow into men and women they will know that the people of other countries love their native land, their homes, their liberty and their lives just as much as they do. They will recall the letters and the gifts they exchanged with children of foreign nations and because of the mutual understandings formed during their schooldays they will turn their backs on the fears, hatreds, and jealousies which have been the cause of war and suffering. They will dwell in the world peacefully together, each proud of his own country and his own people but seeing in other countries and other people much to admire and love. This thought has been expressed in these words by a Junior in Birmingham, Alabama, "Junior Red Cross teaches us to

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League News Items

SEND IN THE NEWS—The other Leagues want to know what YOU are doing. You want them to know of your activities. This department is a clearing house for ideas in entertainment and good works. If yours is not represented it is because we do not hear from you. All news items must be in the Editor's hands by the first of the month.

A LETTER FROM OVERSEAS.

On Board S. S. "Olympic,"
Sept. 27, 1922.

Dear Friends:

As the distance is increasing daily between me and America, I feel I should like to write and tell you how I was benefitted by attending the Convention at York.

To begin with, the characteristic note of all the Luther League members, whether young or old, was one of great friendliness, and wherever I was, I was accorded a most hearty and sincere welcome. This feeling was prevalent from the very outset, and it was with feelings of deep regret that I had to tear myself away on Thursday morning for New York.

Secondly, the many stirring addresses I had the privilege of hearing will always leave behind food for reflection and inspiration.

Thirdly, "Stunt Night" was the crowning success of all, when each State tried to outdo the other, and when I was initiated into the secrets of the League! I did enjoy myself very much and wished I could have contributed something towards the pleasure of the evening. But I must give the Magician his due praise and admit that he is on the fair road to becoming a good Indian juggler!

In concluding, I wish to thank the members of the Luther League of America for their very hearty welcome and for the happy and inspiring time I spent in their midst at York. The following verse just expresses my feelings—

"Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
God, the One in Three,
Bless them, guide them, save them, keep them
Near to Thee."

Your grateful Indian friend,
EVANGELINE LAZARUS.

CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF N. C.

The Southern District of the Luther League held its Fall Conference, Saturday, October the 14th, with Antioch League near Dallas, N. C. Rev. C. K. Rhodes conducted the devotional service at the morning session. Miss Mary Propst of Charlotte, President of the Southern District presided over the meeting.

Miss Amy Fisher, of Mont Amoena Seminary, Mt. Pleasant, gave a report on the State Luther League Convention which was held in Wilmington, closing with a very stirring missionary talk, she appealed for volunteers in the foreign field. Miss Bonnie Mauney, of Kings Mountain, Treasurer of the State Luther League, conducted a conference on Finance. Some fine ideas were brought out, dwelling principally on the necessity of having the financial program of the League systematized.

Mr. C. J. M. Blume, a member of the Faculty of Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute conducted a conference on Devotional Meetings. A strong plea was made for the following: Have the programs thoughtfully prepared, advertise the meetings, have different types of programs, and above all, put some life and enthusiasm into all devotional meetings. Miss Ruth Dry, of Concord, Secretary of the State Luther League, led the discussions on Social Activities. She especially emphasized w-o-r-k in conducting successful socials. Every social requires work, organization, research and kick (pep). Taking the first letter of each of these, you spell WORK; so you simply cannot get away from work.

The devotional service for the afternoon session was led by Rev. C. N. Yount. Miss Bonnie Mauney then gave a very interesting and detailed report of the 15th Biennial Convention of the Luther League of America, which recently met in York, Pa. Miss Mauney stressed particularly the objectives of the League, namely: Education, Missions, and Life Service. After this report Mr. E. R. Lineberger, President of the Luther League of North Carolina, made the principal address of the day, taking for his subject, "The Luther League to the Front." After showing how the State League had come to the front in various ways, he urged all leagues to boost their League, work for it, give of their means for its support, and, last of all, to pray for it. Mr. Lineberger's address was extremely inspiring, very ably delivered and went straight to the hearts of all present.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE COLUMBIA DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE.

On Friday evening, October 20, the delegates to the Twenty-second Annual Convention of the Columbia District Luther League began to arrive at The Dalles, Ore. Owing to the lateness of the hour no session was held but an informal reception given in Zion's Church, Rev. W. I. Eck, Pastor.

Saturday morning the delegates were called together. After the opening devotional Service by Rev. L. B. Deck of Vancouver, Wash., the address of welcome was given by Miss Lena Gosch, the local President, and the reply by Mr. Wm. E. Salzmann, of Portland, Ore., the President of the District. The business session was called to order by Mr. Salzmann and various reports read, showing that the district was working and planning to do larger things.

The theme of the convention was "God's Will." A paper entitled "God's Will Concerning Our Youth" was read by Miss Hildur Nelson, Portland, followed by a live discussion. In the afternoon another paper, "God's Will Concerning Liberality" was read by Miss Helena Westersund, Astoria, and a round table discussion "God's Will—Greater Efficiency in our District and Local Work" lead by the district and local officers and many of the delegates present.

Following the papers, the last business meeting was held. It was decided to organize a "Tenth Legion" or "Stewardship and Tithers Club"; to organize "Quiet Hour Comrades"; to have a Monthly News Bulletin edited by the Vice-President; to adopt a budget of sufficient size to enable the district to do some outside work; to establish certain goals or points for which the local leagues were to strive and work.

Saturday evening the President's Banner was awarded to the entertaining league at The Dalles for the highest percentage attained on a point system previously planned. A rousing "Indoor Track Meet" was held in the Church club rooms under the leadership of Mr. Gus Weigelt of The Dalles.

Sunday morning all the delegates attended Sunday School and had as their special teacher Miss Celeste I. Albin, of Portland. At the morning service, Prof. T. W. Kretschmann, Ph.D., of the Theological Seminary at Seattle, Wash., delivered a masterly convention address on the theme, "God's Will—Concerning Christian Service." The newly elected officers were installed by Rev. W. I. Eck.

In the afternoon the delegates began to disperse to their respective homes, for the distances to be travelled were great in most cases. The convention was declared to have been the best ever held in the district and even on the Pacific Coast. A great effort is being made to keep the standard set up at the next convention which will be held in Astoria, Ore., in August, 1923. As there are only six leagues in the District and five present at the convention, the enrollment of thirty-six delegates was considered remarkable.

The officers for the coming year are: President, Wm. E. Salzmann, Portland: Vice-President, Gus Weigelt, The Dalles; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Olaf Andresen, of Vancouver; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ethel Blaesing, Portland; Treasurer, Miss Victoria Westersund, Astoria.

17TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF CONNECTICUT.

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Connecticut Luther League was held on September 28-29, 1922, at Trinity Church, Hartford, Rev. O. E. Heydenreich, Pastor.

The first session was called to order at 10 A. M. Thursday morning by the President, Rev. D. G. Jaxheimer, and the Devotional Services were led by Rev. O. Plageman of Southington.

The address of welcome was made by Mr. Fred.

W. Burgey, President of the Hartford Trinity Luther League followed by Greetings of Trinity Church by Rev. O. E. Heydenreich to which the President, Rev. D. G. Jaxheimer, responded. Rev. Heydenreich also extended greetings to the Convention in behalf of Mr. Wm. Jente, our former Archivist, who was unable to attend the sessions on account of illness.

The Convention Theme was "Our New Objectives."

The Statistical report showed that we have now only nine active leagues to last year's twelve and a membership of 416.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows. President, Rev. D. G. Jaxheimer, Hartford; Vice-President, Herbert Finne, Meriden; Treasurer, C. J. Hepp, New Britain; Corresponding Secretary, Lillian K. Geffken, Middletown; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. W. Rettenmeyer, Meriden; Archivist, Marie Bennett, Southington.

Under unfinished business, an amendment to the amendment was adopted providing for Intermediate and Junior Committees in Article 8, Section 1.

The second session was opened at 2 P. M., with Rev. B. Mehrtens, of New Haven, leading the Devotional Service.

Rev. D. G. Jaxheimer and Miss Lillian K. Geffken, who were State Delegates to the National Convention held at York, Pa., submitted reports.

Mr. Harry Hodges delivered an address on, "Our New Objectives" stating that they were Education, Missions, and Life Service.

After this, simultaneous conferences were held with Rev. A. J. Traver, directing the Pastors' Conference, Mr. M. Haller Frey, Executive Secretary Pennsylvania Luther League, the Officers' Conference, and Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary of Luther League of America directing the Committees' Conference which were very interesting.

Rev. A. F. Keller, of Philadelphia, Pa., then delivered an address on "Education—Our First Objective" and he pointed out the fact that a Christless education is destructive. There is no right living without right thinking. The Topics and Reading Courses must be studied and discussed and above all the Bible must be read daily.

The rally session opened Thursday evening at 8 P. M. and was conducted by Rev. H. C. Freimuth, of Waterbury.

Rev. A. J. Traver, of New York City, addressed the Convention on "The Field of the Local League." He stated that the word field means *work*, and that every Luther League should strive to put the warmth of Christian friendship into their society. Each League should have a committee of young people who are not otherwise occupied in the Sunday services, to greet all strangers who visit the Church with a Luther League handshake. Another thing a local league can do is help the unfortunate by holding services at homes or institutions as well as financially helping them. Also Luther Leaguers should invite the faithless who are drifting away from Eternal Life to Church so that they may become good Christians.

A Pageant "Luther's Coat of Arms" was then presented by St. Paul's League, Hartford, which was very impressive after which all joined in singing the Luther League Rally Hymn.

After the service, an informal Get-Together was held in the basement of the Church.

The fourth session opened Friday morning at 9 A. M. with Rev. O. Plageman leading the Devotions.

Unfinished and new business was then taken up, and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. The traveling expenses of the Executive Committee are to be paid.
2. The history of the Connecticut Luther League shall be written.
3. A constitution committee shall be appointed to revise and bring up to date our present Constitution and By-Laws, and to recommend a model constitution in accordance with the Constitution of Luther League of America.
4. The Constitution be revised so as to provide that the Executive Committee consist of the officers and two other members, one a pastor and the other a lay member, and that they be elected by the Convention for a term of two years.
5. A monthly news bulletin shall be published and sent to each local league for information and inspiration.
6. A banner shall be presented each year to that League having the largest proportion of its members at the State Convention.
7. The organizing of Junior and Intermediate Luther Leagues be encouraged wherever possible.
8. Inasmuch as we are committed to no definite policy or program in our local League work, we adopt as a beginning this Standard of Efficiency:
   a—The holding of devotional services, at least monthly, at which the Luther League Topics are used.
   b—100 per cent of the members daily reading the Bible.
   c—An increase of members in good standing during the year of at least 10 per cent.
   d—A 25 per cent increase during the year of subscriptions to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.
   e—State dues paid promptly.
   f—10 per cent of the members reading the Luther League Reading Course.
   g—100 per cent of the members of the League regular church attendants, absences because of sickness and legitimate reasons accepted.

It will be understood that a BANNER LEAGUE is one which has kept all seven points; a STANDARD LEAGUE, one that has kept at least six points; and a FIGHTING LEAGUE, one that has kept at least five points.

9. The holding of the Field Day in connection with the Annual Convention some time in the summer was referred to the Executive Committee for action.

Rev. C. P. Harry, Student Pastor of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America, then addressed the assembly on the subject, "Our Intermediates" giving suggestions on how to organize and keep going an Intermediate League which is both helpful and interesting.

After this, an address "Missions—Our Second Objective" was delivered by the Rev. E. R. Jaxheimer, of Woodhaven, Long Island. He stated that each Luther League should have some missionary work to do and they should do home or inner mission work as well as foreign.

The fifth session opened with Rev. D. G. Jaxheimer leading the Devotions.

An address "Life Service—Our Third Objective" was then given by Rev. C. P. Harry. He stated that in order that we know just what God wills us to do with our lives that first, we must give ourselves unreservedly into His Hands; second, we should pray day by day and keep the morning quiet hour or morning watch; and third, we should heed the call to any kind of service and help bring the Gospel to the man right next to us. It is not necessary to be a minister, deaconness or go to India, Africa, etc., but to start right where we are and give Life Service. This address was very impressive and touched the heart of everyone who heard it.

The report of the Resolution Committee was then read by Rev. O. Plageman, Chairman, thanking all who helped make this Convention a success, and extending an expression of sympathy to Mr. Wm. Jente, Archivist, in his illness.

During the supper hour, Rev. O. Plageman gave a very interesting address on "What I Saw and Heard in Europe This Summer."

After this last session, athletic events took place in Pope Park in charge of the Misses Emma Huck and Ruth Stephen, members of the Emanuel Luther League of New Haven.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE.

The Second Annual Convention of the Pacific Northwest District Luther League was held June 23, 24 and 25, at the Church of the Redeemer, Vancouver, B. C.

The opening session was a devotional service. An address of welcome was given by Herbert H. Weber, President of the Vancouver League. The convention sermon was delivered by Rev. L. A. Mathre, of Vancouver, B. C., "Kept for the Master's Use."

Business sessions were held Saturday, June 24th. Morning session opened at 9:30, with a devotional service led by Miss Anna M. Degree, Vancouver. Roll call followed after which the officers and committees rendered their reports.

The four following Leagues were received into the District League: Centralia, Yakima, Spokane and Rochester, all of Washington.

A paper entitled, "The Duty of the Luther League to the Newly Confirmed," was read by Mr. Phil. K. Erikson.

General discussion of Junior League work followed. A committee of three was appointed to aid in the work of the Junior League.

The reports of the various local Leagues were then heard.

The afternoon session was led in devotional services by Miss Elizabeth Weber, Vancouver, B.C.

A paper, "Why the Junior League?" by Edward Baisler, Victoria, B. C. was read. Discussion followed.

The following resolutions were readopted:

1. That the attending delegates carry back complete and enthusiastic reports of this convention to their respective Leagues, and that we all personally endeavor to make the District League an immediate success.

3. That, if possible, a delegate be sent to the National Luther League Convention in 1925, to represent this League and the young people's interests in the Northwest, the expenses be borne equally by all constituents.

4. That a report of the proceedings, preferably the minutes themselves, of this convention, be sent to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, the Canada Lutheran and the Lutheran for publication as soon as possible.

6. That a special committee be appointed by the president of each local to endeavor to make each local member a recipient of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and a possessor of the Luther League Handbook, and that the Press Committee be especially diligent in providing for proper dissemination of the Luther League Topics and all other authorized and useful literature.

7. That the different Leagues occasionally correspond with their fellow members in exchange of greetings, ideas, news and general sociability.

8. That each League notify the President and Secretary of any changes of officers, addresses, etc., occurring during the year, and that the President reserve the right to call upon the local Secretaries for reports in regard to their respective Leagues at any time deemed necessary.

9. That we make every effort in the future to grant all Lutheran young people's societies in the District, regardless of Synodical lines, an invitation as visitors to our 1923 convention.

11. That the Treasurer be instructed to send out statements to the local treasurers within six months after this convention, informing the local Leagues of their assessments for the year, and the locals be attentive and prompt in remitting their dues.

13. That we extend our thanks to the officers for their faithful and diligent work in conducting correspondence and further making the convention a success.

With regard to the adopted resolution No. 2 to the effect: That this federation apply to the Luther League of America for recognition and membership, which once having secured, shall be respected and abided by to the end,—no action was reported taken, because of the inability to secure the proper statistical information and because of the expected entrance of more local Leagues. Upon recommendation by the President, it was moved and carried that a committee of two be appointed to gather the necessary information at this convention, and having secured the President's signature, make formal application to the Luther League of America for recognition and membership as soon as possible.

The following new resolutions were adopted:

1. That those local Leagues which have not already remitted the $15.00 pledged toward student aid at the 1921 convention, do so as soon as possible, so that the Treasurer can send the $100.00 to the Seminary at an early date.

2. That the District League make no effort to render further outside financial aid until its own treasury is on a firm basis.

3. That the Extension Committee be especially diligent in getting in touch with Bellingham and endeavor to save the situation which the lack of a pastor there has caused.

4. That all correspondence be answered promptly.

5. That all bills of District officers be allowed.

6. That a working program be drawn up by the Executive Committee as a goal toward which to work during the coming year and that each local League early be notified of the responsibilities thereby incurred.

7. That, if possible, a District League representative visit every local League at least once during the year.

8. That we revert to September 15, or thereabouts, as our date of annual convention, according to the constitution, and that the next convention be held in September, 1923.

9. That we, as a body of locals, adopt the following standard of efficiency for Luther League, as suggested by Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary of the Luther League of America:

A. An average attendance at meetings of at least one-half the enrollment.

B. Punctual attendance.

C. Officers: Have at least the following present: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

D. Committees: Have at least the following present: Devotional, Membership, Social.

E. Meetings begun on time.

F. Leaders present and prepared.

G. At least once per quarter each active member take part in the meeting.

H. Daily reading of the Bible by all the members.

10. That each local secretary or representative of the Press Committee send in news, either directly or through their pastor, to the Pacific Lutheran; that the chairman of the Press Committee send in news relative to the District League, and that a petition be presented that a special column of this paper be preserved for Luther League items, if possible.

11. That the presidents of the local Leagues endeavor to hold at least two rallies during the coming year at which the cause of the District League is especially and purposely stressed and that these be held one month prior to the convention day and six months thereafter.

12. That the chairman of the Press Committee be instructed to send a letter to every Luther League connected with the District League giving a list of the Luther League literature, and that we urge the Leagues to make use of this material.

13. That, in case of doubt as to their respective duties, the District League officers write to the President for advice within one month of this convention, and that all local representatives of District League committees write to their respective chairman in such an event likewise.

14. That the local members at the time of each annual convention shall be approved as the basis for the charge of dues.

15. That separate copies of all resolutions adopted be prepared by the District Secretary and mailed to the local Leagues as soon as possible, and that the president of each local see to it that these resolutions, as well as the minutes of the convention, be read and posted in a conspicuous place.

16. That, for the sake of future reference, the four amendments brought up and adopted at the 1921 convention be numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively, in the order in which they are recorded in the minutes, said third amendment be made to read as follows: Any Lutheran young people's society connected with a church or institution not affiliated with the United Lutheran Church of America is eligible to associate membership and its delegates entitled to all privileges with the exception of holding office or membership on the executive committee.

17. That Article IV—Members, be changed so as to read:

Sec. 1. Any society connected with a Lutheran Church or Lutheran educational institution affiliated with the United Lutheran Church in America is eligible to active membership.

Sec. 2. Any Lutheran young people's society connected with a church or institution not affiliated with the United Lutheran Church in America is eligible to associated membership and its delegates entitled to all privileges with the exception of holding office or membership on the executive committee.

18. That a special committee be appointed by the incoming president to prepare all proposed amendments and refer them to the different locals for speedy action, and that this committee see to it later that each local League have one copy of the District League constitution as amended, to be placed on file by the local Secretary.

19. That we, as a District League, beseech all pastors to be especially considerate of the work of the young people during the coming year and that an effort be made by all locals to secure the united backing of their respective congregations in the conduct of their work.

20. That we extend our thanks and sincere appreciation to the Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer of Vancouver, B.C., for its kind hospitality, during this convention.

21. That the District Secretary compile a list of all officers and addresses of each and send them to the secretary of each local League.

Election of officers followed.

Mr. P. K. Erickson was elected President, Mr. Albert Wolland, of Tacoma, Vice-President. Miss L. Jessen was elected secretary, and Mr. Otto Lagervall, treasurer.

The appointment of the various standing committees was announced as follows: Executive Committee: Albert Wolland Chairman, Alma Holl, Anna M. Degree, Juanita Rafoth, Mrs. F. M. Watson, Miss Lina Jessen, Arthur W. Wiggers, Otto Lagervall; Extension Committee: Miss Helma Hood, Chairman, Alice Noack, Kathryn Bruggeman, Herbert Griffiths, Benjamin Hanich, Theodore Sehmel, Carl A. Miller; Press Committee: Lajla Hagoes, Marie Nordahl, Lillian Vallquist, Steward Cato, Harry Schultz, Allan Griffiths, Edward Baisler; the Committee on Amendments, Lillian Vallquist, Chairman, Sigrid Vallquist. At four o'clock a sight-seeing tour was arranged for all the delegates, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

A literary and musical program was held in the evening at which an address was given by Miss Inga Petterson—"The Dynamics in the Luther League."

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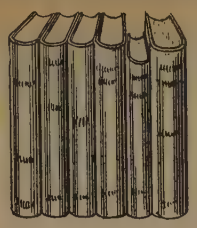

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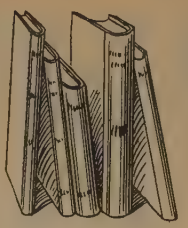

1923 TOPICS

Jan. 7, 1st Sunday after Epiphany—A Guide Board Psalm. Psalm 1:1-6.

Jan. 14, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany—How Do You Know the Bible is the Word of God? II. Tim. 3:14-17.

Jan. 21, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany—Preaching the Gospel Around the World (Evangelistic Missions).

Jan. 28, Septuagesima Sunday—What Are the Rightful Claims of Our Church Upon Us? Heb. 10:19-25.

Feb. 4, Sexagesima Sunday—What is the Chief Value of the Luther League. I. Tim. 6:11-16.

Feb. 11, Quinquagesima Sunday—A Testimony Psalm. Psalm 145:1-21.

Feb. 18, 1st Sunday in Lent—How Might $50,000 Be Spent in Improving Our Community? Gen. 4:9-15.

Feb. 25, 2nd Sunday in Lent—Missionary School Bells (Educational Missions).

Mar. 4, 3rd Sunday in Lent—A Refuge Psalm. Psalm 91:1-16.

Mar. 11, 4th Sunday in Lent—The Stewardship of Self, Substance and Service. Matt. 25:30, I. Peter 4:10.

Mar. 18, 5th Sunday in Lent—What Forces Are Making the World Better? How Can We Help? Matt. 5:13-16.

Mar. 25, Palm Sunday—The Missionary and the Printed Page. (Literary work in Mission Fields.)

Apr. 1, Easter Sunday—An Easter Psalm. Psalm 16:1-11, Acts 2:22-27.

Apr. 8, 1st Sunday after Easter—What Are Right and Wrong Uses of the Lord's Day? Isaiah 58:8-14, Psalm 118:24.

Apr. 15, 2nd Sunday after Easter—How Can We Become Truly Educated? Prov. 4:1-9.

Apr. 22, 3rd Sunday after Easter—Healing Bodies and Winning Souls. (Medical Missions.)

Apr. 29, 4th Sunday after Easter—What My Denomination Has Meant to the World. I. Peter 2:9-12.

May 6, 5th Sunday after Easter—A Prayer Psalm. Psalm 26:1-17.

May 13, Sunday after Ascension—Why We Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. John 20:24-31.

May 20, Whitsunday—Something in the Bible that Has Helped Me. (Union Meeting with the Juniors and Intermediates.) Psalm 19:7-14.

May 27, Trinity Sunday—The Gospel of the Plow, (Industrial Missions.)

June 3, 1st Sunday after Trinity—The Shepherd Psalm. Psalm 23:1-6.

June 10, 2nd Sunday after Trinity—Lessons from Every-Day Objects. Prov. 24:20. Prov. 26:20, 27:17; Jer. 23:29.

June 17, 3rd Sunday after Trinity—What Are Some Reforms that Call For Our Help? Luke 3:7-14.

June 24, 4th Sunday after Trinity — Building Churches in America. (Extending the Kingdom at Home.)

July 1, 5th Sunday after Trinity—A History Psalm. Psalm 44:1-8.

July 8, 6th Sunday after Trinity—What Does Christian Brotherhood Mean? I. John 3:10-24.

July 15, 7th Sunday after Trinity—The Inner and the Outer. II. Cor. 4:16-17. I. Saml. 16:6-13.

July 22, 8th Sunday after Trinity—What in Present-Day Social Life Would Christ Approve? What Disapprove? I. Cor. 10:23, 24, 31-33; 11:1.

July 29, 9th Sunday after Trinity—The Stranger Within Our Gates. (Immigrant Missions.)

Aug. 5, 10th Sunday after Trinity—A Nature Psalm. Psalm 104:1-35.

Aug. 12, 11th Sunday after Trinity—What Can Be Done Toward Abolishing Poverty? Luke 16:19-30.

Aug. 19, 12th Sunday after Trinity—Our Foreign Neighbors. (Jewish and Italian Missions.)

Aug. 26, 13th Sunday after Trinity—Lessons in the School of Prayer. Matt. 18:10-20, 21:18-22.

Sept. 2, 14th Sunday after Trinity—A Singing Psalm. Psalm 96:1-13.

Sept. 9, 15th Sunday after Trinity—Different Forms of Gambling and the Evils of It. Prov. 16:8; Jer. 17:9-11.

Sept. 16, 16th Sunday after Trinity—How Apply Religion to Customs and Manners. Exodus 28:1-6; Prov. 1:8-9; I. Peter 3:8-11.

Sept. 23, 17th Sunday after Trinity—Gems from the Books We Read. Prov. 25:11; I. Tim. 4:13.

Sept. 30, 18th Sunday after Trinity—Our Black Neighbors (The Negro).

Oct. 7th, 19th Sunday after Trinity—The Word of God Psalm. Psalm 119:9-16.

Oct. 14, 20th Sunday after Trinity—Why My Denomination is Planning for the Future. Luke 4:16-21.

Oct. 21, 21st Sunday after Trinity—The Ministry of Mercy. (Inner Missions.)

Oct. 28, 22nd Sunday after Trinity—What Happened Oct 31, 1517? Gal. 2:16-21.

Nov. 4, 23d Sunday after Trinity—A Church Psalm. Psalm 84:1-12.

Nov. 11, 24th Sunday after Trinity—Ministerial Pensions and Relief. Matt. 25:31-46.

Nov. 18, 25th Sunday after Trinity—Missionary Mites. (Missionary Giving.)

Nov. 25, 26th Sunday after Trinity—What We Thank God For. Psalm 103:1-22.

Dec. 2, 1st Sunday in Advent—A Life Obedience Psalm. Psalm 40:1-10.

Dec. 9, 2nd Sunday in Advent—What Makes a Successful Worker? Prov. 6:6-11.

Dec. 16, 3rd Sunday in Advent—Bible Passages We Should Memorize and Why. (No Scripture reference —each Leaguer to memorize and recite one passage.)

Dec. 23, 4th Sunday in Advent—Advent Messages from Bethlehem. Luke 2:1-20.

Dec. 30—Sunday after Christmas—What Shall I Do With My Life? (Consecration of Self.)

HINTS FOR LEADERS

Topic for January 7.—New Year Program. The first program for the year should be well planned. A good beginning creates the right kind of spirit. This meeting should set the pace for the remainder of the year.

The psalm for study can be recited just prior to the discussion of the topic and not read as the Scripture lesson for the day. The following lessons are suggested: Matt 7:24-29 or Luke 15:11-24. The topic should be only a part of the program. It can be given the trend of the day which will add many good features to the program. Some league meetings are killed by attempting to make the discussion of the topic the entire program. The topic is all it specifies. It is a theme or subject with suggestions for the meeting.

New Year suggests many good ideas that can be used. Resolutions are in order. Prepare ten resolutions for the League. Read them occasionally through the year and see how the league is living up to them.

Poems of the season always broaden your program. Stories are always acceptable. Have an original story of the "Watching the New Year In." The Bible story of Lot's choice and its result as found in Gen. 13:1-13 and 19:1-28 will illustrate the topic.

Posters can easily be made for this meeting.

Topic for January 14.—This is an opportunity to make an intensive study of the Bible. The Scripture lesson can be Bible verses by the members. Do not give these verses at roll call unless you have that part of your business near the opening of the meeting.

The mechanical features of the Bible are interesting. Some one may repeat the books of the Bible from memory. Another will be glad to give the facts as to the number of verses, chapters, the longest verse, the shortest verse, etc.

A discussion of the different versions of the Bible would be in order. The American Bible Society, Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., will be glad to give information concerning their work in printing and distributing Bibles all over the world.

An appropriate story would be the life of a colporteur in some land. A missionary story, for example, "When Dastur Ate Sage," found in the Lutheran Woman's Work of Sept., 1921, will add to the topic.

(Most of the above suggestions can be gathered from the 1922 files of the Lutheran, Lutheran Woman's Work, LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and the *Lutheran Boys and Girls.*) Save your church papers for reference.

Topic for January 28.—Hymns should always fit in with the thought of the meeting. Hymn selection is not easy. "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word" is appropriate for the topic. Plan for a great deal of singing. Use familiar hymns as far as possible. Occasionally stand while singing.

Turn to the "Order of Confirmation" in the "Common Service Book" and see what a member of the Church has promised. Perhaps your pastor will explain "Confirmation" for you. You will find its explanation in the "Small Catechism, by Joseph Stump," page 146.

The Church or League constitution may be discussed. One of the Councilmen can tell you the duties of an Elder or Deacon.

Repeat the Apostles' Creed in unison. Have some one quote the meaning of the second article of the creed. The League may need to review the entire creed and its meaning.

For an advanced discourse on "Christian Liberty" Luther's Article on "A Treatise on Christian Liberty" in the second vol. of "Works of Martin Luther" published by A. J. Holman Co., Philadelphia, will be helpful.

Close your meetings occasionally with the Mizpah benediction in concert. It is found in Gen. 31:49.

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First Sunday
after Epiphany. Jan 7, 1923.

A GUIDE BOARD PSALM

Psalm 1:1-6.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Matt. 5:1-12.
Tuesday—Psalm 119:9-16.
Wednesday—Psalm 37.
Thursday—Deut. 8.
Friday—John 8:49-59.
Saturday—Rev. 22.

The burden of the Old Testament writers was the Law of God and its relation to His people. The children of Israel continually disobeyed this law. Therefore it was necessary for God to keep His statutes before them by His prophets and teachers.

The psalmist was a teacher of the law. He was not different from his time or co-laborers. In the opening psalm we read the same kind of admonition that we find in the prophets. The picture is complete in this first chapter. The author is holding up before the people the results of obeying or disobeying the "Law of the Lord."

This is the prefatory psalm. It introduces the other one hundred and forty-nine. The Hebrew poet knew nothing about syllabic rhyme. Its rhythm is by contrast of thought. The compiler of the psalter sounded the warning note in the opening passage. He raised for them the board from which they were to read the key for the interpretation of the following passages.

On this guide-board we may read three directions:

1—*The parting of the ways.*

Sign-boards are not new to the American public. Every important roadway in our land is disfigured with enormous billboards. The psalmist did not raise such an elaborate type before the eyes of the people. There is another kind of guide which is sought by every traveler. There is a fork in the road. Which way shall he take? Before him is the guideboard. It states the cities in the different directions. Decision is necessary; for both ways do not lead to the same destination. And the way taken will determine the remainder of the journey.

Life's way demands choice. Upon the sign before you is written the "Law of the Lord." This law to you does not mean the ten commandments alone. God's law for you means the Holy Scriptures. The word of God should be sufficient.

You have no time to waste in conversation with the ungodly as you are on the way. You have no moments to spare standing and arguing with them. Nor have you time to be seated with them and hear their discussion. Be on your way.

2—*On the Way.*

Your decision has been made. The crossroads have been left behind. You are headed for a goal. But before you reach the goal the world will know what you learned from the guide-board.

The Author beautifully pictures the scenes by contrast. The one following the law is like, "a tree planted by the rivers of water." God prospers him on his journey. Fruitfulness is his. He draws his strength and life from the stream of living water. There is more than one root which holds him firmly on the bank of the fountain of life.

The other scene pictures the ungodly as "the chaff which the wind driveth away." The winnowing is on and the breeze carries away the useless empty husks. Without the grain the chaff is nothing. There is no anchorage. Without Christ you are nothing.

3—*The End of the Way.*

The logical ending of every life to the Hebrew is the judgment. Every one has the privilege to reap his reward or pay his penalty. In the congregation of the righteous there will not even be standing room for the sinner or ungodly. They shall perish. They shall be denied the fellowship with God.

That the Lord knows the way of the righteous is sufficient. Jesus told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them. And that He would come again for them. The Christian needs no other knowledge.

Look at the sign-board. God gave the Israelites a law which they had to follow. He has given you a person. Upon your guide-board is written the person, life, and words of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World. Follow HIM.

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Second Sunday
after Epiphany. Jan. 14, 1923.

HOW DO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD?

II. Tim. 3:14-17.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Heb. 1:1-2.
Tuesday—John 3:9-21, 31-36.
Wednesday—John 5:31-47.
Thursday—John 10:30-38.
Friday—John 17:6-8 .
Saturday—John 7:14-18.

The church accepts the Bible as the Word of God. We have formerly received her decision in the matter as final. It could not be otherwise since we have been reared in that atmosphere. But this is an age of question and doubt. The world at large is calling for proof. Time-honored customs and practices have been shattered by revealed facts. Religion has not escaped this onslaught. If the Bible is not the Word of God it is not eternal. If it is not eternal we do not want it.

On the other hand, if this book of books is from God we dare not neglect it. The Apostle believed God's Word to be inspired. It furnished for them a rule of life. It was their doctrine and life. Christ reproved those outside of the fold for their unbelief. His word does the same today. The membership of the church is not perfect. It is continually falling away. This Word offers correction. Jesus is our righteousness. His word tells us of Him. God's word is for instruction in righteousness and not science.

Authority.

We know the Bible is the word of God for it speaks with authority. History records it as authority. The peoples of all generations have gone to the Bible with this understanding. The church of the past and the present bases its existence upon the credulity of the Word. The Scriptures themselves declare their origin from on high. They are unique, and self-evident.

Our own hearts convince us of the power of the Word. The Holy Ghost through this Word reveals God's will to man. Mankind would be helpless without this revelation. The two great questions in religion are, what was God's purpose in creation and what is His provision for the future? These and other similar religious questions are answered in the Bible. Peace of conscience is reached only through the Word of God.

Clearness.

God's Word is clear and simple. Its truths are definite. The principles necessary for salvation can be understood by a child. The Bible is a universal book. Its language can be translated into all the tongues of the world and not lose its meaning and authority. This is true because of its pure diction. All peoples and all generations can understand it for it is the only book that reveals the weaknesses

and hopes of humanity. "For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,—and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Heb. 4:12.)

Sufficiency.

The Bible is not understood in its entirety. There is a limitation to the human faculties. The finite mind cannot comprehend the infinite. The apostle said, "Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." With whatever difficulty there may be in understanding God's Word, there is sufficient truth revealed for our salvation. God has made plain His plan. He has made Himself known through His Son, Jesus Christ. Christ became man to destroy all conditions in the plan of salvation. No one who has the Scriptures can plead an excuse of either ignorance or insufficient knowledge.

Efficaciousness.

The truth that is sufficient is also saving. God has revealed Himself in such a manner that our faith in His Son permits us to be His sons. The plan that He has prepared and completed for our good here on the earth and our future glory is unique. It is the only plan of salvation. Man knows he is sinful. His heart cries out to God for forgiveness. He finds it alone in the new relation established by Christ as it has been revealed in His word. There is peace of mind and heart in the acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

The word *Bible* means a collection of books. If we call it *God's Word* it will mean more to us. He has chosen this method to speak to us, and we dare not ignore or neglect it.

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Third Sunday
after Epiphany. Jan. 21, 1923.

PREACHING THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD

(Evangelistic Missions)
Isaiah 60

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Mark 16:14-18.
Tuesday—Isaiah 55.
Wednesday—Jonah 1:1-16.
Thursday—Acts 8:26-38.
Friday—Acts 22:17-21.
Saturday—Romans 11:29-36.

Introduction

The ordinary work of a foreign missionary usually is along five main lines, which we may call evangelistic work, educational work, literary work, medical work and industrial work. Although they are closely interrelated, we may probably get a clearer picture of our task if we consider the lines of work separately. Today, we shall consider *evangelistic work.*

Practically all forms of work are *evangelistic* in spirit and in aim, but a vital part of the work is distinctly evangelistic. The direct preaching of the gospel naturally has a prominent place. There are an increasing number of churches developing in the foreign fields where stated sermons are regularly preached. But probably the largest part of the evangelistic work is done out in highways, in humble streetside chapels, in crowded bazaars, in secluded zenanas, from house to house and on long country tours. The vision that most of us carry of the missionary is that of a white man circled by a group of dark faces, listening in wonder while he tells the story of the Cross. This directly evangelistic work is and has always been the constant policy of our Lutheran Church in its missionary endeavors.

The majority of all the missionaries sent out to our fields have been ordained ministers, who have not only founded churches and preached in them, but have begun with much success the training of a native ministry. Most of the work done in our mission in Japan is still evangelistic in character.

THE ITINERANT MISSIONARY is the man who teaches the gospel as he tours the field. This often means preaching to those who have never before heard the Good News, or else have heard it in such a way as to have only vague and indefinite ideas about it. The preaching tours sometimes occupy several months and include the visitation of hundreds of villages. "All sorts of conveyances are used,—elephants, camels, horses, mules, donkeys, canoes, launches, schooners, houseboats, wheelbarrows, jinrikishas, bandy-carts, bicycles, and railroad trains, and an increasing number of automobiles and motorcycles. All these serve the misisonary's purpose as occasion offers, and not infrequently he travels on foot."

Dr. Brown, in the *Why and How of Foreign Missions,* writes:

"There are no bounds to the zeal of the itinerant missionary. A toilsome journey on elephants through the jungles of Laos brought a party, of which I was one, to Saturday night with the weary ejaculation: 'Now we can have a day of rest!' The next morning we visitors slept late; but the missionaries did not, for they spent an hour before breakfast in a neighboring village, distributing tracts and inviting the people to come to a service at our camp at ten o'clock. It was an impressive service—under a spreading bo tree, with the mighty forest about us, monkeys curiously peering through the tangled vines, the huge elephants browsing on the bamboo tips behind us, and the wondering people sitting on the ground, while one of the missionaries told the deathless story of redeeming love. The other missionary, Dr. Daniel McGilvary, was not present. Seventy-four years old though he was, he had walked three miles under a scorching sun to another village, and was preaching there. And we said: 'If that is the way the missionaries rest, what do they do when they work?'"

Often, the most gifted native pastors are sent out on tour. In our India field, one of the finest teachers and preachers, M. Devadas has been appointed itinerating evangelist in the Mission (Jaggampetta District). His work is to travel in all the districts and teach the evangelists and teachers how to do more efficient work for Christ.

An important part of our work in Muhlenberg mission in Africa is the touring in the bush. Preaching circuits have been established in the interior. Travelling is so slow and difficult that the missionaries often must carry ample provisions for eating and sleeping in the bush. The food, cooking utensils and bedding is borne on the backs of native carriers, while the missionary walks as far as he can, and when strength gives out he is carried in a hammock suspended from poles carried by the natives. Usually a most joyous welcome is given the white man. The chief is nearly always glad to call his people together to hear the white man's story. The amount of work done of this type is limited only by the inadequate number of workers in the field.

STREET PREACHING.—Pastor J. M. Winther, one of our faithful missionaries in Kumamoto, Japan, writes about street preaching thus: "We often begin before six o'clock and at times keep on until half past ten, doing nothing but preaching the old, old Gospel in the most old-fashioned way. I have frequently seen people standing for more than four hours listening intently and apparently willing to hear still more.

To my mind we have at present no better or cheaper way of seed-sowing. We can reach thousands of people that otherwise never could be approached with the Gospel, as even people of the upper classes, who would be ashamed to cross the threshold of a church, can be seen evening after evening. This year for the first time we have tried to carry on the work during the very coldest season; and although the teeth may have rattled in the speaker's mouth, there has always been a large crowd of attentive listeners. . . . To me it has been an unspeakable joy at times to preach three or four sermons on such a night. The only sad thing is to have to leave the place with an audience often up towards 300 who would be willing to hear still more. Even when we tried to have the meetings every night during a week we had exactly the same experiences. People are willing to hear as never before. What can be done in Kumamoto, can be done in every city, town, village, and hamlet throughout the empire. Truly, the doors have been opened and the opportunities are unlimited. What an incalculable difference it would make ten years hence, if we were strong enough now to improve our opportunities!"

In Japan, where paper partitions are so easily set aside, the street-side chapel is used to advantage. When the outer screens are pushed aside and the little organ begins to play, the passers-by stop. When there is a crowd, the missionary preaches. Some move on, as others pause to listen and so a constant stream of street people hear portions of a sermon. Street-side preaching and street-side chapel services are a dominant feature in each station in Japan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK. Our Lutheran congregation in Guntur, India, is said to have the largest Sunday School in India, with an attendance of more than 1000. Not all our mission Sunday Schools are so large by any means, but this most important department of work is emphasized in all the fields. Sunday School is conducted every day in the week. One of our missionaries who has been specializing in Sunday School work in Japan, has had as many as seven Sunday Schools each week, several of these

Sunday Schools being held in private homes, into which 60 to 70 children were crowded.

ZENANA WORK. "A branch of evangelistic work which by the nature of the case is carried on by women, is what we have been accustomed to call *zenana work.*" The high caste women in India are veritable prisoners. In their seclusion, there is no opportunity to hear the gospel proclaimed in the church or on the street. If they hear it at all, it must be taken to them in their homes. So our women missionaries enter the home with the Bible and teach and preach to these women. In this way the Bible is carried into many homes where it would never otherwise have entered. Much of this work in our India field is being done by native Bible women. There are about 500 Christian women and 3300 non-Christian women receiving regular Bible instruction in their homes.

NATIVE BIBLE WOMEN. "An office closely akin to that of the preacher is the work of the Bible Women. These really are, and are often spoken of as preachers, for they address large audiences when on tour in the villages, as well as carry the gospel into the homes. In India we find such women as P. Sarah, of the well-known Murari family, who has taught for over 30 years; M. Harriet, who has spent 40 years in the mission as teacher and Bible woman.

Dr. Mary Baer gives a description of the preaching of Harriet which illustrate the methods and power of the Bible woman's preaching: "Harriet is really a great preacher. She knows her Bible. How she can marshal facts and come up to a climax! She has dealt with caste people all her life. She knows how they think, their customs, their splendid qualities, their awful sins. She knows the stories which they tell about their own gods. Hear her arraign those gods and goddesses! Hear her compare the lives of their gods with Jesus Christ! I have seen her hold the immense crowd spellbound as she described the parables and miracles of Christ. The crowd has turned and looked down the road expecting to see the prodigal son returning, as his pitiable condition and his return were described."

RESULTS. Has the preaching of the gospel been in vain in our Lutheran fields? In 1842, Rev. Christian Frederick Heyer arrived in India. Today there are about 1152 congregations, with a baptized membership of over 96,000. The total adherents, including inquirers, number over 110,000. There are 840 Sunday Schools with 1400 teachers and 34,000 pupils.

Though our other missions are newer and smaller, the harvests in Africa, Japan and South America have been proportionately as promising.

But, is it possible to measure results of this faithful preaching of the Word? Statistics cannot tell all, for every missionary can testify that in the countries like India, Africa, Japan, there are many secret believers—many who believe in Jesus Christ but who do not openly confess Him. This is because of persecution and ostracism by family and friends, facts which it is hard for us to comprehend, but He understands.

Our duty is to preach the Word in season and out of season, leaving the results to Him. "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." I. Cor. 3:6.

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Septuagesima Sunday Jan. 28, 1923.

WHAT ARE THE RIGHTFUL CLAIMS OF OUR CHURCH UPON US?

Heb. 10:19-25

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Eph. 4:1-6.
Tuesday—Eph. 4:7-16.
Wednesday—II. Cor. 8:1-15.
Thursday—I. Cor. 9:1-14.
Friday—I. Peter 5:1-5.
Saturday—Acts 13:1-3.

America loves to boast of her liberty. All over the world the name America means freedom. Protestant Christianity speaks of her liberty. The church and the state have been afflicted by factions within their bounds who have changed it to license. The church has not made ironclad rules for its membership. It is not her principle to force anyone to believe. Christ practiced the same spirit.

However, if you have voluntarily connected yourself with an organization, you have obligated yourself to such ordinances which the body considers necessary to carry on its work and make permanent its organization. In other words, you have surrendered some of your so-called liberties. The sacrifice is for your own good.

Some assert that God has written His law in the hearts of mankind. Therefore no other ordinance is needed. God did write His will in men's hearts. But that law has been erased and forgotten. Humanity has proven by the past that it needs certain rules for right conduct. The church realizing this fact has demanded certain claims upon its membership.

Man is to draw near unto his God. He is gregarious. He is not satisfied to live alone. Christianity has appointed its gathering places. Worship is fellowship. The Apostles' Creed speaks of a "Community of Believers." The united approach to God's throne is the most effective.

Your confirmation vow included your attendance on the worship of God. You promised "to be diligent in the use of the means of grace." The Word of God and the sacraments are the means of grace. When the Word of God is preached and the sacraments are rightly administered you are to be present. You may approach with boldness. Boldness does not mean brazenness but confidence. This spirit should be accompanied with contriteness of heart and humbleness of life.

Drawing near is fulfilling one chief claim of the Church. Another claim she makes is to be steadfast in the faith. Your faith is your treasure. It is based upon God's word and its promises, through Jesus Christ. You confess this faith every time you repeat the creed. You publicly vowed your allegiance in the presence of the congregation when you become a member of the church.

Your allegiance in this land does not demand the giving of your life's blood. The missionaries on the foreign field often witness such loyalty. Steadfastness demands a greater zeal. Christianity calls for steadfastness. The enticements of the devil dressed in the garb of advanced learning and new thought keeps the stalwart Christian always on his guard. The Bible and not the mind of man is the final court of appeals. The church rightfully claims your steadfastness in the faith as long as you are a member.

Filling your place in the ranks is another essential claim. But you do not face the foe alone. Your arm is to strengthen your brother. Service is a great part of fellowship. You are your brother's keeper. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Love patterned after Christ is the basis for all service. There can not be a church in its fullest sense without the spirit of forgiveness. The apostle called them brethren. To be considerate of one another's physical and spiritual well-being is fulfilling an obligation of the church.

The church is the expression of a covenant between God and Man. You are in that relationship when you become a member in Christ. God's side is never broken. Your side demands drawing near, attending the worship in God's house, holding fast to the faith and exemplifying the love of Christ in your life by service.

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NEW HOPE IN THE WORLD

(*Continued from page* 19.)

love and understand the children of our own and other nations and helps them to love and understand us. Then when we grow up perhaps the nations will not disagree as they do now." A Junior in far away Austria has said almost the same thing in a letter sent to the children of this country. "It is proven that youth is meant to reconcile the different nations. For that purpose a Junior Red Cross was organized. We heard that for the same reason a Junior Red Cross was organized in other countries, to create friends all over the world. No conference will be able to bring about international reconciliation as long as national hatred lives in the hearts of the people. Therefore, let's be brothers; away with the barriers, and give us your hand through the Junior Red Cross; how glad we shall be to have the same songs, though they be sung in a different tongue."

Intermediate Department

1923 TOPICS

The method governing the type of topics is the same as for those of 1922, namely the devotional, the intellectual, the physical, the social, with the recognition that the spiritual is the basis for all four expressions of the Intermediate life.

The missionary themes are taken from two text books in part, "India on the March," and "In the Vanguard of a Race." Several of the remaining missionary themes are taken from the lists of the Women's Missionary Society, thus assuring adequate material.

Special attention is called to the topics for July and August, which have been selected for the knowledge in mind that more and more these months are camping months and topics suitable for a camp service ought to be popular and helpful. These can be used as daily topics as well as weekly during this period.

In view of the action to stress the vocation objective in the Intermediate work some topics in this direction have been chosen.

The Lenten themes will permit the use of the Passion History and ought to be among the most helpful ones of the year.

Criticism, adverse or otherwise, is welcome. Also any positive evidence as to the effectiveness of these topics.

Jan. 7—Meeting Ground of East and West (Missionary) Acts 17:19-31. (From Chapter 2—"India on the March.")
14—Hoffman's "Christ in the Temple (Educational) 1 Cor. 2:9-10.
21—How to Use the Bible. 2 Tim. 2:15, 16.
28—What to do in Emergencies (Physical) Luke 10:29-37.

Feb. 4—A Village Wrestler (Missionary) Eph. 6:10-12. (From Chapter 3—"India on the March.")
11—The Doctor (Vocational) 1 Cor. 12:9; Jas. 5:14-15.
18—Entering Jerusalem, Matt. 21:1-9.
25—The Last Supper, Luke 22:19-30.

Mar. 4—Gethsemane, Luke 22:39-46.
11—The Arrest, Matt. 26-47-50, John 18:1-12.
18—The Trial, Matt. 26-57-68, John 18:28-40.
25—The Crucifixion. Luke 23:32-49.

Apr. 1—The Resurrection, Mark 16:1-10.
8—Born to be Robbers (Missionary), Eph. 2:1-7; (Chap. 5, "India on the March").
15—Keeping Fit (Physical), I Cor. 25-27.
22—The Minister (Vocational), 1 Cor. 4:1-2, 2 Cor. 5:18-20, Heb. 13:17.
29—Three Good Books to Read (Educational), 1 Tim. 4:13, Phil. 4:8.

May 6—Those Poor Missionaries (Missionary), Mark, 10:28-31, James 2:5 (Chapter 7, "India on the March").
13—Great Words—Psalm 91.
20—How to Keep Pure, Eph. 4:21-24, 29; Phil. 4:8.
27—What the Flag Stands For. Micah 6:7-12; Gal. 5-1.

June 3—Christians Who Count (Missionary). Phil. 3:7-11, Col. 3:17 (Chapter 8, "India on the March").
10—Great Words. Matt. 5:1-14.
17—Minor Sports and Sports for Girls (Physical). 1 Tim. 4:8, Revised Version.
24—Recognizing Our Helpers (Social). Rom. 16:3-4, Ps. 46:1.

July 1—The Untouched Field in the Mountain (Missionary). Rom. 15:19-21.
8—A Night With the Stars. (Educational). Ps. 19:1, Ps. 8:1-4, Amos 5:8.
15—Jesus in the Storm. Matt. 14:23-33.
22—How to Make the Camp. Ps. 133, Gal. 6:1-5.
29—Trees. Ps. 1:1-3, Matt. 21:18-22.

Aug. 5—On the Saskatchewan Prairies (Missionary). John 4:34-38.
12—What to Study (Educational). Rom. 14:19, 1 Cor. 12:8.
19—Courtesy (Social). 1 Pet. 3:8.
26—The Farmer (Vocational). Eccl. 11:6, Jas. 5:7-8, Ps. 37:25.

Sept. 2—Missions Among Our Near Neighbors (Missionary). (West Indies.) Acts 1:4-8.
9—How to Pray. Luke 11:1-13.
16—Sunday Pastimes (Social). Ps. 16:6-8, 11; 1 Cor. 10:31-33; 1 Cor. 8:9.
23—The Substitute (Physical). Gen. 44:18-34.
30—Great Words. Isaiah 53.

Oct. 7—A Story of Service (Missionary). Chap. 2, "in the Vanguard of a Race." Mark 10:42-45.
14—The Cog (Social) John 15:1-5, John 6:5-9.
21—Fresh Air (Physical). Ps. 19:4-6, Eccl. 11:7
28—1523. 2 Tim. 2:1-2, Is. 28:10.

Nov. 4—A City Pastor (Missionary). Luke 19:41-48. (Chap. 5, "In the Vanguard of a Race.")
11—Great Words. Hebrews 11.
18—The Nurse (Vocational). Jas. 1:27, Acts 9:36.
25—The Older and the Younger. 1 Peter 5:1-5, John 12:1-2.

Dec. 2—Morris Officer and Africa (Missionary). Acts 1:8, Mark 16:15-18.
9—Christmas Shopping (Social). 2 Cor. 8:9-21.
16—The Secretary (Vocational). Acts 15:22-31, Rom. 16:22 (Rom. 1:1-7).
23—What Really Happened at Bethlehem. Luke 2:7-20.
30—Chance. Ps. 37:23, Matt. 10:26-30.

HINTS FOR LEADERS

January 7.—Topic—Meeting Ground of East and West.

The subject and material for this date are taken from the text-book, "India on the March." Each League ought to have one or more copies of this text-book, as other themes from it will occur in 1923. In addition to the treatment of the theme in the REVIEW, the superintendent ought to read this particular chapter, the second in the book, and select portions of it for assignment and expression.

Missionary hymns with one in mind as a memory hymn, ought to be chosen.

A prayer for missions. As many collects of this character are available, it would be well to assign several intermediates to come prepared to read a missionary collect.

An available hymn is, "Savior Sprinkle Many Nations."

Refer to article, finding the Scripture passages quoted, locate in meeting.

Map of India.

Have read Kipling's poem containing phrase, "East is East, etc." Show its truth or falsity in light of topic.

Have told what mission work your League is doing or ought to do.

Work out the "atia-patia" game referred to in this chapter of text-book.

January 14.—Topic—Hofmann's Christ Among the Doctors.

Hymn—"Open My Eyes."

Prayer for the helpfulness of Christian paintings.

From the 1922 Christian Calendar sold by the United Lutheran Publication Society, the October picture is the one under discussion in this topic. Every Intermediate might have a copy at this meeting, brought from home. The Perry Pictures contain the single portrait picture of The Christ—Hofmann's.

Sketch of life of Heinrich Hofmann.

Have some one explain briefly the meaning of the elements that go to make up a successful painting. These elements are referred to in REVIEW articles.

An Encyclopaedia will give the information.

Make up a list of great paintings of Christian subjects with names of artists.

Encourage the collecting of an art collection. Plan for a trip to an art gallery, or to some local home where some unique or valuable painting may be seen.

Purchase a painting reproduction for some institution or lover of paintings.

JANUARY 21—HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

An available hymn, "O Word of God Incarnate."

Prayer for efficiency in Bible use.

The Luther League of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pa., has a neat little folder, "The Way to Make the Most Out of Your Bible." It is possible this League might send a superintendent a copy or two for use in this meeting.

We suggest the following outline from Holdcraft's "Outline Chalk Talks" be placed in scroll form on the blackboard:—Search the Scriptures—Systematically, Luke 24:27; Carefully, Deut. 15:5; Reverently, Ps. 119:161; Intently, Prov. 2:1-2; Prayerfully, Ps. 119:18; Trustingly, Acts 24:14; Understandingly, Acts 8:30; Retentively, Ps. 119:11; Every Day, Acts 17:11; Privately, Ps. 91:1.

Have a Bible drill.

A gift of the Bible or Testament wisely placed would be a fine application.

JANUARY 28—WHAT TO DO IN EMERGENCIES.

Available Hymn—"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing My Great Redeemer's Praise."

Prayer for qualifying in emergencies.

The parable of Good Samaritan yields readily to simple dramatization. If attempted stress the first aid features as this is the purpose of this topic.

Describe a first aid incident witnessed.

Drill a first aid act as an objective lesson in meeting.

Urge each Intermediate to become expert in one first aid act.

List a number of emergencies that arise.

Was Paul a "first aide" in Acts 20:10.

Tell why Jesus first aid was usually the complete aid.

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January 7, 1923

INDIA: "THE MEETING GROUND OF EAST AND WEST"

Chapter two of, "India on the March."

Rev. F. F. Haworth

ACTS 17:22-31

We dwell mainly on verse 26 of Acts 17: "God hath made of one blood all nations of men." Then we are all brothers. The East and West are brothers in Christ Jesus. "One Blood" means Christian Brotherhood, which shall be "the dominating principle in the swaying life of one of the world's greatest peoples." "In my father's house are many mansions." Our Father has only one house. In that one house will all peoples and races and nations dwell together; or else be cast out of God's presence. There is neither Greek nor Jew, bond nor free, rich nor poor, caste nor outcaste; all are one. It is true: "the final solution of the whole hard problem of race relationship is to be found in the Christian brotherhood." "Have we not all one Father?"

India is well fitted to be the "Meeting Ground of East and West." Her influence has filled the West as a sweet fragrance, mysterious and fascinating. Jesus is the gift of Asia. But Asia received Him not. Now, after centuries, the West gives back to the East the Christ, the Redeemer. He is the bond of unity in the brotherhood. India is receiving Him. Modern India is the product of Western Christianity. This Mr. G. K. Devadhar acknowledges. He says: "Christian missions have played a large part in the great intellectual and spiritual evolution that has slowly gone on in this country during the past century, and they have been one of the potent factors which have produced modern India." Modern India, with her exciting game of "atia-patia," with her restless, slow-burning flames of passion for intellectual, social and political freedom is being leavened with the leaven of Christianity.

Jesus is "The Meeting Ground of East and West." He only breaks down the wall of partition between nations and races and individuals. In Christ we are all one. We are taught: "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." "The common benefit" says Dr. Jowett, "must not be absent from our life. We cannot do our own work well if we shut our eyes upon our brother." The love of Christ contsraineth me to see in all others my brothers.

"Now, therefore," says Saint Paul to the Ephesians, "ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the saints, and of the household of God." "The foreigner becomes a child of the family. The one who has been in the field feeding swine is drawn into the intimate home circle of the Lord." Whether he be caste or outcast, white or black, red or yellow, he becomes a child in God's home; he sits at the common table; and he has the confidence of the Father. We are "made of one blood." We are washed with the Blood of Jesus. In His Blood we are all members of the royal house; we are all princes in the courts of the Lord."

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January 14, 1923

HOFMANN'S CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE, OR AMONG THE DOCTORS

Rev. Charles M. Teufel.

Scripture Lessons—Deut. 3:27, Prov. 20:12, Ps. 19:8, I Cor. 2:9-10

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The Scripture lessons all emphasize in some way the use of the eye for seeing purposes. Deut. 3:27 refers to the fact that Moses' only contact with the Promised Land was through his keen eyes. Prov. 20:12 shows that while the Lord made the eye He made it a "seeing eye." Ps. 19:8 mentions how this eye may do what it is intended to do—the Lord's commandments give light to the eye. I Cor. 2:9-10 informs us that the glorious things God has prepared are to be shown to these eyes of ours through the Holy Spirit. It is easy thus to see that God has many messages He wishes to send us through the eyes He has given us.

THE STUDY OF PAINTINGS AND PICTURES.

One of the uses God has for the paintings and pictures He has gifted man to produce lies in this direction. Have you ever studied the elements that carefully followed make the paintings great which are called great? These elements are Chiaroscuro, Color, Composition, Line, Perspective, Values. We cannot take any space to show the meaning of each and how each helps a painting or picture give its message, but these are important nevertheless.

CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE, OR AMONG THE DOCTORS.

The painting we wish to examine or to SEE was one painted by Heinrich Hofmann. (Get a copy of this painting—Christ among the Doctors, or in the Temple.)

Who is the Central Figure in this picture? Is He intended to be the Central Figure? If so, has the artist succeeded in making his point? Why is the boy Jesus the Central Figure? What in the picture indicates that He is?

Study the Central Figure. What is the prominent fact about the Central Figure? Is it the eyes? Is it the erect figure? Is it the speaking arm and hand? What shines above His head? Should it be there?

Who else is in the picture? What do their looks indicate? At Whom are they looking? Why does each man's look express something different from the others? Is there a face which shows pleased admiration?

What else is in the picture?

Is the picture as a whole true to the Scripture reference, Luke 2:40-46? From what incident in Jesus's life is the picture made?

From this picture has been taken in separate photograph the picture of Jesus with all the other features of the picture removed. This is called Hofmann's The Christ. It would be well to have a copy of this separate picture and to make comparison with the boy, Jesus, as He appears in the complete picture.

AN IMPORTANT APPLICATION.

If we, who can, learn to SEE pictures and paintings we surely will be greatly benefited. Many church sanctuaries, either in their beautiful windows or on the walls, portray beautiful paintings. If we can SEE these our worship will be more helpful. To the devout soul these often bring a sacred impression. To the indifferent soul the first touch of reverence often is imparted. Use your SEEING eye to see God's message in the paintings He has helped artists to produce.

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January 21, 1922.

HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

Rev. R. W. Doty

SCRIPTURE LESSON—2 Tim. 2:15-16

Suggested Readings—John 5:39—Acts 17:11—Acts 8:32—Job 11:7—2 Tim 3:14-16

Fellow Intermediates, Are We Ready? The world's supreme hour has struck! The devil has launched the most vicious attack against the Church of

Jesus Christ since Pentecost. The great masses of Church people are either faint from lack of nourishment or we are not properly trained in the use of God's great revelation to man, THE BIBLE.

This is an age of intense preparation. We see this in our every-day work at school, the boy or girl that goes through their work in any manner just so they will graduate, find out that it matters not what they desire to do, they are handicapped. The football player must deny himself many pleasures, train and be drilled, day after day, that he might give the best in him for the success of his school. You can soon discover the boy who has failed to do his work properly.

Then it comes to him if I had done my part I would not need be ashamed of my work. This is equally true of the work of the young Christian, the time comes for them to do some great work for God but they fail because they are not properly trained in the use of the Bible. A young college girl went to spend her vacation at her chum's home. While there, Communion Sunday came; and the visitor, being a church member, partook of the Communion. When seated at the table, the young girl of the house said simply, "Why Margaret, it had never dawned upon me that you were a Christian until I saw you take Communion today." Her friend's somewhat tactless but frank remark revealed to her what mere 10 per cent Christian she must have been. She was ashamed of her work; she felt that she had not studied to be approved of God.

You go to Catechise, Intermediate League. What has our study done for you? Would it be accepted of God or would you be proud of it yourself? You cannot meet the enemy's cannon fire with sticks of wood, toy pistols or tin cans. We must meet them with the straight word of God and that only.

We are wondering what the effect would be if all the Leaguers of our church would study God's Word to be approved of God? It would mean the largest, most thorough-going, most invigorating and religious awakening in our churches that we have ever witnessed; it would mean spiritual energy that would cause the heart of every pastor to rejoice.

We have so many religious quacks that are trotting all about us, yet failing to bring relief to sin sick man. Oh, that we may study our Bible that we will not be quacks but real helpers of humanity's ills. When Philip joined himself to the Eunuch of Ethopia, he was able to bring to him Christ. Because he knew the scriptures and his study of them was used with such power that he need not be ashamed for it brought about the conversion of the eunuch. Christ study of the Bible was of great help to him in His temptation in the Wilderness. How shall we use the Bible?

Read and study it every day. Have a regular time to devote to the studying of God's word. You can not grow into a strong, healthy Christian man or woman without proper nourishment. Someone has given this illustration:—"If a mother would feed her child every two hours a day, then every three hours the next, and then not for several days or a week, what would happen to the child? The child would not grow or develop as it should, perhaps it would die. Yet that is the method that we often use as Intermediates, at the meetings we read a great deal but for the rest of the week we take the quick-lunch counter fragments. If a boy or girl friend would come to you for the bread of life, would you give him a Nabisco? Have you studied to be approved of God and not ashamed of your own Work?

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January 28, 1923

WHAT TO DO IN EMERGENCIES!

Rev. Frank W. Richter

LUKE 10:30-37.

This has been "No Accident Safety Week" in the city in which the writer resides. Everywhere we look we see warnings: "Don't get hurt." Thousands of dollars have been spent under the direction of the National Safety Council in this campaign to reduce the number of accidents. Last year 857 persons were killed in accidents in our county and of these 286 were children. An immense parade in which thousands took part passed over the principal streets of the city in order to show how to prevent accidents and also how to give first aid in emergencies. A miniature hospital with bandaged patients in the beds and signs on the beds telling just what act of carelessness brought each occupant to grief. One safety first crew in gas masks showed how to revive a person who has been overcome by gas or smoke. The mummers of the parade included a huge devil who proclaimed himself, "Old Man Danger" and he is the real trouble maker in this world today but he does not come to us with horns, hoofs and a tail like the pictures we see of him but he may come to us in the guise of a good friend like he did to Job of old in order to lead us astray. What shall we do in such an emergency? First of all, let us get right with God and "Be a Christian" as the first rule for a successful life. The next step will naturally follow and that is: "Join some Christian Church." To show our gratitude to God we ought "To give at least one-tenth of our income to the Lord." As a fourth rule we should "Be especially skillful in some one thing" and that should be to bring others into God's Kingdom, which is of far greater importance than to take care of a cut, bruise or burn.

A SHINING INSTANCE OF "FIRST AID."

The Samaritan who befriended the man who fell among thieves is a shining example of a character that grew into beauty under unfavorable surroundings but he knew what to do in an emergency. The most beautiful flowers sometimes grow up out of filthy soil and yet are as pure and clean as the driven snow. The priest and the Levite, chosen to minister in holy things and to reflect the love of God among men, stand out as betrayers of their heavenly trust. Of them, and of many who name the name of Jesus, it must be said, "Whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" How often in unexpected places does compassion shine in real Christlike beauty! How often among the so-called "elect" it is found wanting! A rose never smells sweeter than where it blossoms in a desert, and thorns are nowhere more out of place than in God's garden, the Christian Church.

SEED THOUGHTS.

1. Fear may have turned the priest and the Levite away from the man that was robbed. A stronger love for God and our fellowmen would have cast out that fear.

2. Many pass by on the other side of the world's sorrows and needs who may some day stand alone when in dire need.

3. When the door of heartfelt sympathy is open, the door to selfishness shuts automatically.

A PRAYER.

"O Thou who wentest about doing good, healing the sick, comforting the sorrowing, and lifting up the fallen give us grace to follow in Thy footsteps and find our chief joy in ministering to Thee by bringing help and cheer to those whom Thou dost love. Amen."

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LEAGUE NEWS ITEMS

(*Continued from page* 22.)

NEW JERSEY

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

A Rally of the Southern District Luther League was held in Grace Lutheran Church, Camden, N. J., Tuesday evening, October 24.

There were about one hundred young people present representing the Leagues of Bethany Church, Gloucester; Zion's Church, Riverside; St. Paul's Church, Hainesport; St. Paul's Church, Collingswood; St. Luke's Church, West Collingswood; Christ Church, South Camden; and Epiphany and Grace Churches, Camden.

A splendid report of the National convention held in York, Pa., was given by Mr. Carl Trebing, delegate of the Southern District of New Jersey to this convention.

The work of the State convention held in Elizabeth, N. J., was outlined by Mr. Ralph Reppert. The local leagues connected with this district were urged to support a protege in the India Mission field.

An entertainment enjoyed by all followed in the social rooms of the church.

INDIANA

AN ACTIVE LOCAL LEAGUE. This is the report from one pastor: "The Luther League is one of the most active and helpful organizations in the congregation. They mimeograph and distribute a monthly "Messenger," giving news and announcements of all the activities of the congregation; each month, they, with the pastor conduct services at the home of at least one of the shut-ins; they are putting on a fine social program which is embracing practically all the young people of our congregation, and is helping much to change the atmosphere of the social life of the community; they support all the services of the church, mid-week, as well as the Sunday morning and evening service (Last Sunday evening—Aug. 6—

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Junior Department

LITERATURE

Junior leaders will be glad to get the following announcements of literature:

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"—a Christmas program for Junior Leagues. A program consisting of Christmas hymns, Scripture Readings and a Christmas pageant, by Miss Laura Wade Rice. Price 10 cents. Get this for your Junior League's Christmas meeting. Each child should have a copy.

"Helps For Junior Leaders"—an envelope of seven leaflets, giving practical plans for conducting the Junior League. Hints on organizing, planning the work, etc. Price 15 cents.

Send 25 cents to the office NOW for this material, and then get sufficient copies of the Christmas program for your whole League.

CHRISTMAS PLANS

Have your Junior League arrange a *Community Christmas Tree* for your neighborhood, in the church yard, or some prominent place. Have the children gather about this tree Christmas Eve, have the tree lighted, and sing Christmas carols. Have the Christmas story told. Then have everybody go home and put a lighted candle in the window.

Have the Junior League sing *Christmas* carols early Christmas morning. Visit the Pastor's home, the sick and the shut-ins, and sing Christmas carols before their doors.

Plan to *help others.* Fill stockings with candy, dress dolls, or prepare simple gifts to be sent to the children in hospitals, or to the orphan home, or one of our settlements. One Junior League has each member bring a toy from the 5 and 10 cent store, some bring four or five, and last year 125 were collected in this way. Stockings cut from tarlatan or ordinary white netting and bound with red or green worsted are attractive to fill with candy and can be made by the older girls.

Make the room where your Junior League meets attractive during December. Get from the Perry Picture Company, Malden, Mass., any of the following pictures at ten cents each to put up in the room: "Sistine Madonna," "Madonna of the Chair," "The Announcement to the Shepherds," "Silent Night," "The Arrival of the Shepherds." Put around these small pieces of pine or holly for your Christmas meeting. White Christmas bells and green and white crepe streamers make a pretty decoration. Then get one or two cent size copies of these pictures for each Junior. These mounted on small pieces of red cardboard, with one of the small calendar pads, securable from the stationers' at one cent each, make attractive gifts for the smaller Juniors to make, and afterward take home to father or mother.

Have a *Christmas Entertainment* or program by your Junior League, using the program already suggested—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Arrange a *social or Christmas Party* for the Junior during the holidays. Send to the office for games which may be played.

Some Junior Leagues meet only on Sunday, and have their devotional meeting, studying the Junior Topics. Arrange at least one meeting on a weekday during December to arrange some of the plans above suggested.

While Christmas means extra work, these extra plans with the children will mean much to the Junior League, and repay doubly all effort expended. After all, Christmas is the children's festival, it is the Birthday of The Child, and the way to most happily celebrate it is to help the Juniors observe it, plan for it, and share it with others.

JUNIOR NEWS ITEMS

See this issue of the REVIEW on other pages for a complete report of the Junior activities at the York convention.

On October 21 and 22 was celebrated a unique event in the history of our Junior work. Grace Junior League, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa., celebrated its 25th anniversary. This is the oldest Junior League in the Luther League of America, and has never suspended activities during that time. In this period 1,500 children have been trained in the society, a Junior choir has been drilled, which has since evolved into the regular church choir, another Junior choir taking its place, and its plans and methods have served as a model for the whole work. This splendid record is due to the work of the Superintendent, Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr, member of the Junior Committee of the Luther League of America, well known throughout the Luther League of America, who has had charge of Grace League since the beginning, and who has given unstintingly of his time and talents. Congratulations to you, Grace Junior League! May you celebrate many more! Who will be the next to celebrate? There are a number of Junior Leagues with a long history. See the News Items for a report of this celebration.

From Porto Rico comes news of two enterprising Junior Leagues, and from Sister Nanca Schoen, in the Virgin Islands, comes not only a report of an active League there, but a picture of the same. Greetings to these Junior Leagues. Some of the best we have are those in our mission stations and in our various institutions here at home. They are an inspiration to us all to increased effort.

A steady increase in growth and in interest among our Junior Leagues and the hearty cooperation of leaders everywhere shows the growth of our work. A mistaken impression has gone out that all Junior Leagues are to be transferred to the Light Brigade, the children's missionary organization, after January 1. This is not true. We are trying to coordinate our Junior work. Let us realize our responsibility toward the children of the Church, take hold of the opportunities for training along all lines as given in the Junior League, and put forth increased efforts in our training of the church of the future.

THE DEVOTIONAL TOPICS

A new plan will be tried of having the hints for the topics combined with the Topics, so that all the material is together for each lesson.

THE JUNIOR TOPICS FOR 1923

The Topics for the first half of the year are as follows:

Jan. 7—Our Indian Cousins in a Land of Many Races.
14—Standing for the Right.
21—True Courage.
28—Facing Lions.

Feb. 4—Every-Day India—"King Jesus Comes."
11—Choosing Sides.
18—Giving Others First Choice.
25—Open Hands.

March 4—School Days in India.
11—Serving God Wherever We Are.
16—Working in Hard Places.
23—Diamonds in Our Own Yards.

April 1—An Easter Program.
8—Feeding the Hungry in India.
15—Telling the Truth.
22—Being Happy.
29—Knowing the Bible.

May 6—A Mother's Meeting.
13—Adventures in Healing in India.
20—Being Good Neighbors.
27—Friends of the Poor.

June 3—New Wonders in an Ancient Wonderland.
10—In the Service.
17—Helping Others.
24—A Hymn Program.

The Missionary Programs are based on the textbook, "The Wonderland of India." The general plan is (1) a missionary lesson each month, (2) a series of lessons on True Courage, Unselfishness, Service and Helping Others, each illustrated by Bible lessons, church hero stories, memory work and practical lessons, and (3) special programs for Easter and a Mother's Meeting.

Hints will be given each month by specialists on the Bible lessons, on hand-work and memory work, and material for the lesson. This will be in a short paragraph form, to be put in the hands of the Juniors to present in the meeting.

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JANUARY 7, 1923.

OUR INDIAN COUSINS IN A LAND OF MANY RACES

(The first meeting of each month will be a missionary meeting, and the programs will be based in the text-book, "The Wonderland of India,"—price 45 cents paper, 60 cents cloth. Every leader should have this book.)

POSTERS—to advertise the meeting. On a bright yellow card draw or paste a large pie cut from yellow manila paper, and above it paste a number of birds cut from black paper. Label the pie "India," and on the blackbirds print in white ink or crayon some words typical of India—caste, child-widows, Buddhism, etc. Below write the invitation to the meeting—"Come and learn more about India at Junior League on Saturday at three."

SONG—"From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

SCRIPTURE LESSON—read by one of the Juniors—Acts 13:42-52, Lights to the Gentiles.

In connection with the scripture lesson tell the Juniors of the many gods of India, prepare a chart, with pictures of some of India's idols (these can be secured from the Perry Picture Co., Malden, Mass., at 2 cents each, and contrasting with these in the centre a picture of Jesus, "Jesus Blessing Little Children" or "Christ in the Temple"); explain these to the children, and get them to realize the difference.

PRAYER.

ROLL CALL—Have Juniors respond with the names of some of our Lutheran missionaries in India.

OFFERING—to be devoted to some special work in India.

INTRODUCTION TO STUDY. Tell the children that the Wonderland of India will be studied in six lessons through six avenues—*Stories* (the six lessons found in the text-book), *Hand-work* (suggestions will be given for the making of an Indian village each month), *Dramatization* (hints will be given for the acting out of the story as told), *Note book and picture work* (ideas for this will be included), *Play*, (games will be suggested), and *Giving* (suggestions for helping our little brown cousins will be given). Not all these will be used in each lesson, but all will be worked out some time in the series of lessons on India.

To introduce the lesson, tell of the Great Commission, tell something of the geography of India, its climate, location, rivers, etc.

Have one of the Juniors give a Map Talk. Put up an outline map of the world, have the Junior tell how to get to India and stop at some of the important cities. Put pins at the various parts, and have the Junior draw bright colored yarn from pin to pin to trace the journey. Put gold stars on the map to mark our mission stations. (Assign this to one of the Juniors the week before the meeting).

LESSON STORY. Chapter 1, of "The Wonderland of India" told by the leader. The leader should bring out the main facts of the chapter, telling in story form, and afterward discuss the same with the Juniors.

HAND-WORK. An Indian village can be started. This can well occupy the time of the smaller children during the entire course with profit. We will call these little ones Group 1. The village should consist of trees, houses, animals and people.

Fascinating dolls for the village can be made. The dolls themselves can be cut from heavy brown wrapping paper, and cheesecloth in bright colors can be used to dress them. The descriptions given in the book can be followed. A high caste man, a Brahman, an outcast, a bride and a widow should be included. (Send to this office for patterns and further suggestions for making these.)

Trees easily and substantially made can be constructed as follows: Use the button moulds obtainable in the five and ten cent stores as a foundation, and the sticks from candies (lollypops, etc.), can be utilized for the trunks. Color them green by wrapping with green paper. Leaves cut from green crepe paper are fastened to the top to complete the palm trees.

Group 2, the older children, can make note-books—with stiff covers, on which some bright colored picture is pasted, and the title "The Wonderland of India," and on the first page a map of India is drawn. Facts told by the leader should be entered by the children, and as each lesson is completed a new page is added.

PLAY OR RECREATION. Have an Indian Blackbird Pie. Cover a large pie pan with brown wrapping paper. Cut out blackbirds from heavy black paper and write on each in white ink some facts about India. Punch a hole in the bill of each bird and tie a ribbon with a long end in each. For the recreational period, have this pie brought in and put on the table.

Have one of the Juniors recite:

Sing a song of India,
A country full of woe;
More of sin and sadness
Than we'll ever know.
But when the pie is opened,
Some helpful things we'll learn.
Aren't these some fitting gifts,
To offer to our King?

Let each Junior pull out one ribbon (which are left hanging out through a slit in the pie) and then each one read the facts concerning India.

Some facts to print on the blackbirds:

14 languages, each spoken by 3,000,000 people.

100 languages, each spoken by 100,000 people.

In a school in Udivil there were enrolled over a thousand pupils by one woman, a woman who gave 43 years of her life without returning to her homeland—Eliza Agnew.

A great Lutheran hospital at Guntur, India, has helped save many lives, and brought the Gospel to many, and at the head of this hospital is one of our greatest missionaries—Dr. Anna S. Kugler.

A gift of an automobile has helped to increase ten fold the work of one of India's great workers, who comes from a family of missionaries—Dr. Ida Scudder.

CLOSING EXERCISES—Prayer and song—one chosen by children.

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JANUARY 14, 1923.

STANDING FOR THE RIGHT

POSTER. To advertise the meeting, make a chart of bright yellow cardboard. Paste four children, cut from the fashion pages of a magazine, on the card, and in the hands of each paste a banner cut from red paper. On each banner print one word of the Topic—"Standing for the Right," and at the bottom of the card print, "At Junior Society, on ———, at ———."

OPENING EXERCISES. Hymn, "Who is on the Lord's Side?" Prayer, by Junior Superintendent for true courage to stand up for the right. Roll Call, answered by names of soldiers in the Bible. Offering.

BIBLE LESSON. 'Who is on the Lord's Side?", given by a Junior. Many great men of the Bible have stood for things that were right. Abraham was a man of faith, he trusted in God. Moses was a man of obedience, he obeyed the commands God gave him. David was a man of courage. Daniel would not give up the worship of the true God. Elisha and Elijah were pious men of God. Our Bible tells us of many men who trusted in the Lord and served Him. Only those who believed in Him and trusted in Him were on His side. Brave soldiers and warriors like Joshua and Gideon fought brave and well because they were good men, and were on the Lord's side. Junior boys and girls can be on the Lord's side and help fight His battles. (Have Junior read or call for verses illustrating each of the men named.)

LESSON STORIES. *A Church Hero Story*—Gustavus Adolphus. Just as Luther stood for the right against the Pope and the Church, so Gustavus Adolphus, "The Lion of the North," the King of Sweden, stood up for the right when the Emperor Ferdinand the Second tried to drive out all Lutheran and Protestant teachings from Europe. With his army, this Lion of the North swept down upon the enemy who were murdering and burning and plundering; like a lion, he fought, and saved Sweden and northern Germany, conquering the army of the Emperor who at first laughed at the man who held two prayer-meetings in his camp each day. Gustavus won the victory and laid down his life for the cause in battle in the year 1632. He was not afraid to stand for the right.

Practical stories. Like the old Bible heroes, Gustavus of old, we, too, can stand for the right.

It is not easy always to stand for the right. When everybody is doing what is right, then it is easy to do right, too. But true courage is standing up for the right when others are wrong. It takes real courage to speak up about some evil, when it would be so much easier just to let it go by and say nothing about it. Our Bible says, "Eschew

all evil," which means fight against it, as well as just not doing evil.

We must stand for the right in our homes. We must have true courage there. Would it be fair or standing for the right to let mother do some chores we could do, or not to help with the tasks we can? Is it fair for us to have more than our share of good things, or to scatter our things around, making extra work?

Sometimes it isn't easy even in our own homes always to stand for the right. Do we always say our prayers? Do we always bow our heads for a word of thanks for our food, even though perhaps all of our family do not? Boys and girls in the Junior League have learned that these things are the right things to do, and they should stand up always for the right and do them.

We should stand for the right in school. Boys and girls may not play fair on the play-ground; they may cheat and copy in the class-room; they may laugh and say it doesn't matter. It is not enough that we do not do these things, we must stand for the right and let others know that we believe that such things are not right.

Standing for the right may even bring us suffering. A little Armenian girl reached one of the refugee camps and the nurse, finding her in pain and suffering, finally got her to tell her story. She had been captured by the Turks and asked to give up Christ and say she would follow Mahommed. Each day she refused, and each day a cross was branded into her back, each day a little deeper. Still she would not give up Christ,—she stood for the right—and after a week she escaped, with a long cross seared in her back, bleeding and throbbing, but happy, because she had had true courage to stand for the right, even under suffering, for her Saviour.

Can we not in the little every-day things stand firm for the right?

BIBLE MEMORY WORK. Select verses from this list and teach to the Juniors: Verses on True Courage: Psalm 3:6, Psalm 27:1, Psalm 46:1; Psalm 56:4, 11, Psalm 112:7, Prov. 28:1.

Make a "True Courage Chart" to use during all of January. Cut from a large sheet of bright blue cardboard a shield, put this up in your room, and on it in white ink print each week the verses learned by the Juniors. (A bottle of Blaisdell's Show Card Ink, 15 cents, is admirable for this purpose). Give little shields cut from blue cardboard to the Juniors, let them print one of the verses they have learned on this to keep through the week.

A large wall chart can also be used during this entire half year's series showing the Christian Soldiers's Armor. Teach the verses showing this armor, (Eph. 6:13-17) and draw on the chart the part of the emblem studied. (Send to the office for patterns of these, if you desire them). For this lesson draw the breastplate, and teach the verse "having on the breastplate of righteousness."

HAND-WORK. Have the children cut from white cardboard the different parts of the Christian armor and print the verses on each as they learn them.

Make note books of grey paper, and paste these in.

CLOSING EXERCISES. Prayer, by one of the Juniors, that we may all stand firm for the things that are right. Hymn, "O! Christians Leagued Together. To Battle for the Right."

PLAY HOUR. Divide the company into two parts—actors and spectators. Give to the actors the names of great heroes of the Bible. One acts as leader and calls out one of these characters at a time. He asks them questions, and has them act out in pantomime, or several may come at a time and act a charade giving some information about the character. The other side guesses the identity of each. When all have been guessed, the sides change places, and the spectators become actors.

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JANUARY 21, 1923.

TRUE COURAGE (LEADERS NOT AFRAID)

POSTER. On a light blue card paste pictures of children hurrying along hand in hand (cut from a magazine); add a picture of Livingstone or some other great leader, and print the verse:

Stories of heroes and great queens, too,
Of many countries we'll tell to you;
If you, and Mary, and Bobbie and Sue
Will come to Junior League on Saturday at two.

OPENING EXERCISES. Hymn, "Soldiers of Christ Arise." Prayer—sentence prayers by several Juniors for leaders brave and unafraid. Roll Call—answered by verses concerning brave leaders in the Bible. Offering.

BIBLE LESSON. A Queen Who Saved Her People—Esther. Long, long ago, there was a beautiful Jewish maiden who lived with her uncle in Shushan, the palace city of the king of the Medes and Persians. (Have one Junior read Esther 2:5-8.) There was at the court a man, Haman, who hated the Jews very much. (Have another Junior read Esther 3:1-6), and he therefore had a decree made that these people be destroyed. (Have Esther 3:8, 9, 12, 13 read.) When Queen Esther heard of this she was much worried. (Esther 4:4.) She finally decided to go to the king, and ask him to spare her people. Now it meant death to any one, even the queen, to go in before the king without being summoned to come before him, unless the king cared to show his favor and be gracious; so Esther was risking her life. Nevertheless she went. (Have Esther 4:16, 5:1-3 read.) Esther did not at first ask for her people to be spared. She invited the king to a banquet! Then the wicked Haman was caught in his own net. (Esther 7:1-10), and Queen Esther, unafraid, doing her duty, saved her people.

HERO STORY. Queen Kopiolani, Who Saved Hawaii.

The people of the islands of Hawaii worshipped the goddess Pelee, the goddess of fire, who dwelt in the volcanoes of the islands. One mountain was sacred to her. When the volcano burst forth lava and fire, the people said "the goddess is angry." The good queen Kopiolani, who was a Christian, was very sad that her people worshipped such a god instead of the only true living God. Once the volcano burst forth fire; rumblings and roarings filled the air, and the people gathered at the foot of the volcano to fall on their knees and offer their prayers to appease the angry goddess, who was very angry and surely about to visit some terrible punishment upon them. Queen Kopiolani appeared among them. "My good people," she said, "there is no angry god in the mountain; the only true God lives and rules above. Turn to Him. He alone can hear your prayers and protect you. I will show you that there is no god there." And up the sacred hill, sacred to the goddess Pelee, where none might walk, she started. In vain her people, who loved her, pleaded and begged her to turn back. "You will be destroyed for daring to defy the goddess" they cried. But up she went, picking berries from the sacred bushes by the way, which none might touch, up to the top, to the brink of the crater, and then, in defiance, she hurled stone after stone down into the mouth of the volcano. And while the wondering people looked, she stood there a few moments unharmed by fire or lava and then turning, she retraced her steps. The people, marveling at her restoration in their midst, lost faith in the goddess Pelee, her spell in the island was broken, and from that day Christ became a power. A brave Queen, unafraid, saved her islands for Christ.

PRACTICAL LESSONS. The Lord Jesus needs boys and girls today who have true courage, who are not afraid to stand for the right.

The boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow, and they will be the great leaders of the Church in a few years. Will they be leaders bold and fearless, unafraid?

The Lord always needed leaders in the Church who were not afraid to stand up for the right. He needed "fighters." Martin Luther was a "fighter." He was not afraid to stand up against the wrongs which he saw in the Church. It took true courage to stand up against the Pope and all the great men of the church. It took true courage to nail those 95 theses or sentences on the church door at Wittenberg. It took true courage to stand before the Emperor and the great crowd at the Diet of Worms and say, "Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise."

The Lord needs workers and leaders just like that today. He needs ministers who are not afraid to stand up for the pure Gospel, who will preach it, and who are not afraid to talk against all the evils in the world today. He needs missionaries who have true courage to go out and face the dangers and hardships of a foreign land, and work among strange people. He needs deaconesses who have patience and true courage to quietly, and without thought of reward, go ahead and do all the heavy round of duties which comes to them. He needs workers of all kinds in His Church today who fearlessly and with courage will stand for the right. And it is the boys and girls of today who will be these workers. It is the boys and girls in the Junior League who are learning of these things who will stand up for the right and do this work.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSES. Select additional memory verses from the following list, teach to the children, and print on the "True Courage Chart." Examples of true courage—(Joshua) Deut. 31:6, 7, 23; Josh.

1:9, (David) 2 Samuel 10:12, (Solomon) 1 Chron. 28:20, Psalm 27:14, Psalm 31:24.

Add to the Chart on the Christian Soldier's Armor, the sandals of the gospel of peace, and teach verse, "and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."

HAND-WORK. Make small note-books (ordinary tablet size) with brown manila paper covers. Assign one of the heroes of the Bible to each child, and have him write in note book a short story of that hero. Decorate the covers with pictures, and bind all together, putting a larger cover for the outside, and print on the cover, "Our Bible Hero Book." Have the Junior League add to this from time to time writing other hero stories to be put in it.

CLOSING EXERCISES. Prayer by the Junior Superintendent that the Juniors may grow up to be leaders brave and unafraid in all lines of church work. Hymn, Lord's Prayer.

PLAY HOUR. Have the children "act out" the story of Esther. Get "The Dramatization of Bible Stories," by Elizabeth Miller, $1.25, from the United Lutheran Publication House, 9th and Sansom Sts., Phila., Pa., and assign the parts the previous week.

January 28, 1923.

FACING LIONS

POSTER. On tan-colored cardboard paste on one corner a lion (cut from a roll of crepe paper obtainable at the stationer's, or from Dennison Mfg. Co., Phila., Pa.). Get a picture of David Livingstone (Brown Picture Co., Beverly, Mass, 1 cent). Use this and pictures of other great leaders. Below print, "Learn about Facing Lions at our Junior League meeting on Saturday next."

OPENING EXERCISES. Hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Prayer, by Junior President for courage to face difficulties. Roll Call, answered by verses on Christian Soldier's Armor. Offering.

BIBLE LESSON. A Man Who Was Not Afraid Of Lions—Daniel. When the Jews were carried captive into Babylon, among the youths carried along who found favor with the king was Daniel, who, in the midst of a heathen people, never forgot his God. He had many difficulties. The other princes were jealous of him. (Have Junior read Dan. 6:1-9). Do you suppose when Daniel heard that law made that none should pray but to the king that he stopped praying? Not at all. (Have Daniel 6:10, 11 read.) The king was forced to do as he had decreed. (Have another Junior read Daniel 6:16-18.) When morning came after he had ordered Daniel thrown into the lions he hastened down and found what? (Daniel 6:19-23.) And Daniel who was not afraid to face lions not only was saved but the God he loved and would not give up was glorified and the king acknowledged Him as the living God. (Daniel 6:25, 26, 27.)

CHURCH HERO STORY. You all know of David Livingstone. We all know of his wonderful work in bringing tribe after tribe of the people of Africa to Jesus Christ, but we sometimes forget some of the lions he had to face, the difficulties and hardships he had to meet. First of all he had to meet real lions. He went to Africa and had to first of all be an explorer. He had to hunt his way because none knew much about the interior of the country. He discovered lakes, and found rivers, and located mountains; he made the map of central Africa. And in doing so he met many real lions, and his life was constantly in danger. Then he had many other difficulties to meet. He was alone in a strange land; afterward he buried his wife in the heart of the country; he found some of the natives were not to be trusted and he was in danger; he did not know the different languages of the tribes. All these were lions in the way. But Livingstone went on boldly facing one after another, always preaching Jesus Christ, always pressing onward, facing one lion after another, and the great work he did in opening Africa to Jesus Christ was due many times to his great courage in the midst of dangers, and his facing all the lions who came his way and conquering them.

PRACTICAL LESSONS. We all have lions to face today, too. Not real, true lions, that we could see ahead, and get away from, but lions, all the same, dangers which we cannot see so plainly, but which lie all about us, and which are all the harder to fight.

Satan himself has been called "a roaring lion" going about ready to devour us.

There are the lions of laziness, and tardiness, and untruthfulness, and stubbornness; the lions of deceit, of being cowards, of cheating, of not doing our best. There are the lions of pride and love of pretty things, the love of good times all the time, of greed and hate. There are lots of lions which boys and girls even must face. And if we let these lions steal upon us, they take us without warning, and destroy all the good things in us that will make us fine Christian men and women when we grow up.

Then there is the lion of carelessness. How often we don't want to go to Sunday School or church, or want to steal away from Junior League. Or if we go we don't want to take part, lead, or sing, or do anything in the meeting. This lion, unless we face him and get him out of the way, soon grows into the lion of forgetfulness, and we entirely drop out of the habit of coming to the House of the Lord at all times when we can and of doing his work. This is the way these lions really capture us.

BIBLE MEMORY WORK. Teach the additional verses on true courage, and print them on the "True Courage Chart":—(David) 1 Saml, 17-32, Shadrach and companions, Dan. 3:18, Daniel, Dan. 6:10, Paul, Acts 20:24, 21:13.

Add to the Christian Soldier's Armor Chart the shield of faith, and teach verse, "taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."

HAND-WORK. Mount small pictures of Livingstone on small pieces of cardboard, to take home.

CLOSING EXERCISES. Prayer, by Junior superintendent that all the Juniors may have courage to face the difficulties which come along day by day. Hymn, "Stand up, stand up, for Jesus."

PLAY HOUR. Cut out a number of lions from white paper. Write on these the names of different "lions" or difficulties, as enumerated in the topic, and below the name of some one who killed that lion. Hide these about the room, divide the children into two groups and see which child can find the most lions. Then get the two groups together, and have each child tell something about the person named and the lion he killed.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

(*Continued from page* 16.)

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Those serving on this committee should be persons of personal devotion. It is in charge of the devotional meetings and topics study. It selects the leaders, discussionists and soloists, and hold one of its members in readiness as a substitute should something unforeseen arise. It places in the hands of the members a list of the daily Bible readings for the week.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee should charge itself with inviting strangers to the meetings, welcoming newcomers, looking up absentees, seeking new members, urging the inactive, encouraging the young, visiting and sending flowers to the sick.

Ask the pastor to give it the names and addresses of new families moving into the parish where there are young people, and call upon them to invite them to the society.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

This committee should provide for the social meetings, remembering that one of the functions of a social meeting is the promotion of friendliness.

In arranging the social program be sure to have features in which all can participate. Consult the social page of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. If yours is a rural society, arrange for a literature exchange. Shortly after Easter, give a reception to the confirmation class. If yours is a city society, invite a neighboring society to your social meeting.

LUTHER LEAGUE ITEMS.

(*Continued from page* 29.)

a very hot night, I counted 36 leaguers at the evening service whom I had seen at the League meeting just before the evening service). In addition to all that enumerated above, I call upon them for a great variety of things. They address all my pastoral letters. I have never called upon them but that they have quickly and enthusiastically responded."

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA

The fall convention of the Philadelphia District was held October 24 in the Church of the Ascension, Mt. Airy. At the afternoon session conferences on Senior, Intermediate and Junior work were held by Mr. F. C. Leupold, Mr. Harry Heinz and Miss Brenda Mehlhouse, respectively. Greetings were read from Miss Ethel Mosteller, former Recording Secretary of the District, who is taking a course at the Baltimore Deaconess Motherhouse, preparatory to sailing for Japan to engage in kindergarten work. At the evening session remarks on Nursing as a career were made by Miss Frances Maltby, of the Council for Nursing Education, and the speaker of the evening was Mr. Wm. Menges, member of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America, who spoke on the aims and ideals of the Luther League. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Alfred R. Pohlke; Vice President, Wm. Pereira; Recording Secretary, Elsa Becker; Corresponding Secretary, Lillian Muhlbach; Statistical Secretary, Mildred Rotzell; Treasurer, J. Alfred Geikler; Financial Secretary, A. H. Kohler.

PITTSBBURGH

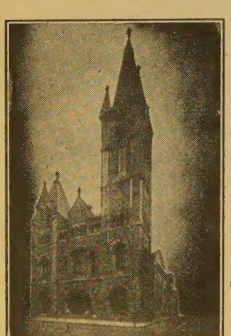
Grace Junior League, N. S., celebrated its 25th anniversary on October 21 and 22. The oldest Junior Luther League in the Luther League of America, with an influence exerted in this period over 1500 children, this Junior Society has shaped not only the community—Spring Garden Valley, Pittsburgh—but has been a power as a model for district, state and national work as well.

The various Junior Leagues of Branch No. 5 of the Pittsburgh District helped in the celebration by visiting and bringing greetings.

On Saturday afternoon an excellent program, consisting of a model Junior devotional meeting, when the Juniors discussed the topic "What the Junior League Has Done For Me," and exercises by various visiting societies, were rendered. This was followed by an indoor picnic lunch, at six o'clock; and the evening program was composed of a Play Hour with games, a Story Hour, and a Stunt Hour, with stunts by the various societies.

On Sunday afternoon the devotional meeting was held, and in the evening the church service was given over to the celebration of the event. Appropriate music was rendered by the Junior and Senior choirs; an address of welcome given by the President of the Junior League; greetings brought by five representatives, each one speaking for five years in the life of the organization; a history of the Society was given by the Superintendent, Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr; and the address on "Our Junior Work," by Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse.

Messages of congratulation were received and read from Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, Mr. D. A. Kommel, President of the Pittsburgh District Luther League, from Mrs. James A. Davis, the wife of the Secretary of Labor, one of the charter members of the Society, and from Mrs. M. Haller Frey, on behalf of the York District Juniors.



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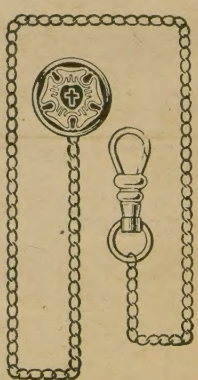

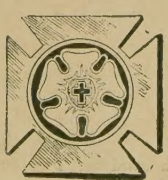

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